

VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



I am pleased at the successful completion of the first academic year of our University, while I'm still soaking it all in and appreciating this blessing. Through all the transitioning, transforming, revisiting, reorienting, relearning, remodelling, renovating, renewing and numerous other changes that we've had to accommodate, our staff and students have made strenuous efforts to render this academic year fruitful. Thank you all. I am proud of every one of you. I am also grateful to all the new members of this Josephite family who have placed their trust in St Joseph's and our time-tested value system.

Change is the rule of nature. If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant. Life does not get better by chance but by change. To change for the good is to have a growth mindset. To change for the good is to focus all our energy not on fighting for the old but on building the new. Change is also a necessary part of God's strategy. To use us to change the world, he sometimes redirects our assignments. Mary, from peasant girl to the mother of Christ; Paul, from local rabbi to world evangelist, St Joseph's from a college that taught how to make a living to a university that must teach how to live. Great things never come from comfort zones. Let us embrace this change and evaluate how SJU can change things in this troubled world.

God may call us to a new season, but He wants us to know: we'll never face the future without His help. Heaven's message for us is clear: when everything else changes, God's presence never does. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Inspired by this confidence, may St Joseph's continue to be a bastion of values and may our impact outlast our existence. God bless you and all of SJU!

COLLEGE EVENTS

140th ANNUAL DAY



St Joseph's University celebrated its 140th Annual Day on April 28, 2023, with notable guests, including Mr SD Shibulal, Co-founder of Infosys and Axillor Ventures, and Mr Vinay Rai, an Indian film actor and Alumnus. The event was attended by esteemed officials of the University, including Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro Chancellor, and Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice Chancellor. The programme commenced with a dance to seek divine blessings, followed by the University Anthem performed by the choir. Dr Joyce D'Souza, convenor of the College Day, delivered the Welcome Address, and the Vice Chancellor's Report was presented through a video presentation. Special recognition was given to Mr Venkataramana and Mr Dominic Savio on their retirement from service. Mr Shibulal, the chief guest, was introduced by Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Director of St. Joseph's Institute of Information Technology, and Mr Rai, the guest of honour, was introduced by Mr Kiran Jeevan, PRO and Assistant Professor of the Department of Social Work. Both guests addressed the gathering, and the Pro Chancellor delivered the Presidential Address. The occasion also saw the release of the University Magazine, 'Blue and White,' and the distribution of prizes to outstanding students. The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Ms Champakumari M, Assistant Professor of the Department of Mathematics, followed by the National Anthem, marking the conclusion of the event.

BJES SPORTS MEET

The annual Inter-Unit Staff Sports Meet, Alentar Magis, was conducted by the Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society

(BJES) at the St Joseph's University Grounds on February 4, 2023. This event marked a significant achievement, where participants from diverse educational units of BJES demonstrated their athletic prowess and competitive fervor. Commencing at 9:00 am and gracefully concluding at 5:00 pm, the event welcomed Mr Hakimuddin Shabbir Habibulla, a distinguished Indian Olympian and an alumnus of St Joseph's College, as the esteemed Chief Guest. Presiding over the event was Rev Fr Brian Pereira, SJ, the Vice President of BJES, while other notable dignitaries in attendance included Rev Fr Joy Rodrigues, SJ, the Secretary and Treasurer of BJES, and Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, the Vice Chancellor of St Joseph's University.



The proceedings began with an inaugural ceremony. The Chief Guest performed the flag hoisting honors, accompanied by the resonant notes of the national anthem. In his address, Mr Hakimuddin Shabbir Habibulla underscored the significance of sports in nurturing holistic individual development. A Flash Mob performance followed. The day featured cricket, badminton, table tennis, and throwball, among others. Noteworthy achievements included Loyola Institutions securing victory in the cricket match, with St Joseph's Pre-University College (SJPU) clinching the runner-up position. In the domain of badminton, St Joseph's University (SJU) emerged victorious, while St Joseph's College of Commerce (SJCC) earned the runners-up distinction. The table tennis competition crowned SJU as the triumphant team, while SJCC earned praise as the runners-up. The throwball tournament witnessed the splendid synergy of the SJU team, who secured the championship title.



GLOBAL INITIATIVES

Magis Student Exchange Programme

As part of the Magis Student Exchange Programme, two students from SJU, Sheetal Ignatius (221MST04) and Gaurav Chauhan (221VOF25), were selected to attend semesters abroad. Sheetal will be attending Sophia University in Japan for her upcoming semester, while Gaurav will be studying at Loyola University in New Orleans, USA.

Job Shadowing

Erasmus selected two students from II year Mass Communication and Journalism programme for Job Shadowing experiences. One student worked in the Czech Republic from January 31 to March 12, 2023, while the other student worked in Philippines from February 12 to February 23, 2023. These students had previously attended a workshop conducted by FSL India as part of their Cyber Bullying project, which led to their selection for these prestigious programmes.

A Talk to motivate Higher Education

Dr Finosh organized a talk aimed at motivating BSc students to pursue higher education. The session provided valuable insights and guidance to inspire students on their educational journey.

Interaction between Boston and SJU

Vincent, the student coordinator, along with Maria and Anju from Boston College, engaged in a discussion with five SJU students. The interactive

session focused on exploring the religious perspectives and mental health experiences of students from different parts of the world. The participating SJU students were Srusti (221BCADA27), Shawn Shibu (221BCADA03), Sanskrithi KV (221BPS19), Norma Jenson (222ECO42), and Priyanka M (221BPS50). The conversation shed light on diverse approaches to managing mental health challenges and provided valuable cross-cultural insights.



GRADUATION DAY

Graduation Day 2023 was a joyous and spirited occasion held on May 5 at the University Grounds. Excited students received lapels and took final wardrobe selfies before settling into their designated seats. Mr Nigel George, the Master of Ceremonies, shared a personal anecdote on the theme of transformation to inspire the graduates.



The event commenced with the university choir singing the anthem, followed by the official welcome address by Dr Vaishnavi M. Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, the Vice Chancellor, wished the outgoing students well in their future endeavors, echoing the sentiment, "Once a Josephite, always a Josephite." In his Presidential Address, Pro Chancellor, Rev Fr Swebert D'Silva SJ, emphasized the qualities that define a Josephite. The Chief Guests, alumni Mr Rajeev Krishnan and Mr Saikat Chatterjee, were warmly welcomed and shared heartfelt messages with the students. The outgoing students sang a farewell song and the Valedictorians, Ms Fathima Qadri, Ms Lakshmi Nair, Ms Ameera Nasreen, Ms Vaishnavi Shivani Pai, and Ms Merlin Jose, reminisced and shared memories. Prof Anuplal addressed

the students regarding the Alumni Association, and the symbolic flag was handed over to the Vice Chancellor. The ceremony concluded with a pledge administered by Dr Melwin Colaco, the Registrar, and a final blessing from the teachers, followed by the vote of thanks by Ms Rajalekshmi.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



The Republic Day Celebrations at St Joseph's University began on the morning of January 26, 2023, with the honorable Vice-Chancellor conducting an inspection of a combined Guard of Honour. This esteemed guard was presented by the Cadets of 1 Karnataka Armoured Squadron, 1 Karnataka Air Squadron, and the National Service Scheme.

Following the unfurling of the national flag by the Vice-Chancellor and the administration of the national pledge, warm greetings were exchanged between the Pro-Chancellor Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, and Vice-Chancellor Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, along with dignitaries and association leaders. In their Republic Day address, the Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor underscored the paramount importance of safeguarding the unity and inclusivity of the nation. They highlighted the pivotal role that students play in the constructive process of nation-building.

A moment of solemnity and grandeur arrived with the Pipping Ceremony. The Vice-Chancellor, assisted by NCC Officers Squadron Leader Dr Paul Newman and Lt Akshay D Mandlik, bestowed ranks upon the following NCC Cadets:

- Company Sergeant Major Ajaib Abbas
- Company Quarter Master Sergeant Sharath Shaji Thomas (Both hailing from 1 Karnataka Armoured Squadron)
- Cadet Warrant Officer Apeksha Todkar
- Cadet Sergeant Manjunath
- Cadet Sergeant Leiyapam Kashak
- Cadet Sergeant Suman Kumawat

- Cadet Sergeant Vathsala T M
- Cadet Sergeant Tharun

The celebrations reached their zenith as the Registrar and Chairman of the Celebrations Committee, Dr Melwin Colaco, offered the national salute. A customary tea party was graciously hosted by the Management. At 6:00 pm, in the presence of the NCC, Mr G Anuplal, Protocol-In-Charge, performed the ceremonial lowering of the flag, signifying the conclusion of the Republic Day Celebrations of 2023.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Youth Week: Fostering Youthful Spirit and Creativity

Youth Week took place from January 16 to 21, 2023. Students enthusiastically engaged in various activities, games, and movie screenings, setting a dynamic tone for the upcoming year's events.

Youth Week Day 1: Celebrating Swami Vivekananda's Legacy

The Student Council kicked off Youth Week on January 16, 2023, by celebrating Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary. The day featured beatboxing performances, diverse stalls, and a captivating multilingual Emergency Band. The Council members concluded the day with an impactful speech.

Youth Week Day 2: Unveiling Creativity and Innovation

The second day of Youth Week began with student performances. A standout moment was the "Anything But a Backpack Day," where students creatively carried their books and belongings in unconventional ways. The day continued with the unveiling of the Youth Week banner by Mr. Taral Shah, the Governor of the Student Council. It featured displays from the Western Music Association (WMA), Kalah, university bands, and dance collectives.

Youth Week Day 3: Cinematic Reflections of Youth

Concluding on a thoughtful note, the third day of Youth Week featured a screening of the film 'The Pursuit of Happiness'. The event concluded with the Student Council's official announcement of Prathibha 2023, the much-anticipated

intra-collegiate fest.

Prathibha 2023



St Joseph's University hosted the intra-university fest, Prathibha 2023, from January 30 to February 28. Throughout the month, various Schools participated in spirited competitions, showcasing their talents. The fest's inauguration on February 28, 2023, featured acclaimed director and performer Mallika Prasad. The climax of the fest included performances by Renegades x CSB, Fourth Riff, Traxler, and DJ Quinixo. In a competitive field, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences emerged as the overall winner. Guided by the steady hand of Mr Taral Shah, Governor of the Student Council, and supported by Fr Dionysius Vaz, SJ, Chancellor, Fr Swebert D'Silva, Pro Chancellor, and Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice Chancellor, Prathibha 2023 exemplified collaboration and success. The Student Council, event heads, crew, and volunteers stood as pillars of its triumph. Following is an extended report of individual events

Ameya

Ameya offered a platform for participants to showcase their talents in diverse Indian dance forms, including classical, contemporary, and folk. The preliminary round on February 13, 2023, saw 51 participants evaluated by Ms Thejaswini Balaji, Assistant Professor of the Department of Commerce. Out of these, 24 finalists competed on February 21, 2023, under the discerning judgment of Ms Niveditha Narayanan. The winners are Fida Ashraf (20CZBT50), Harshita R (221MST25), and Sri Divya (20BCOMA079).

The Next Move

An embodiment of individual expression, TheNextMove, organized by JStreetCrew, the Western Dance association, provided students a platform for solo dance. The preliminary round on February 16, 2023, featured 14 participants, with nine

advancing to the finals held on February 27, 2023.

Groove2Gather

Groove2Gather, by JStreetCrew, invited teams to unite and express themselves through Western group dance. Evaluated by Mr Stephen Sunil on February 22, 2023, the preliminary round witnessed 14 teams. The skillful performances of the top nine teams made the finals an unforgettable spectacle.

Floor Wars

The vibrant energy of Floor Wars, a street dance battle event, was felt on February 11, 2023. 31 participants showcased their dance acumen in a fierce competition, with the top 16 making their mark in an electrifying 45 seconds. Judged by Mr Brian Shahaji Thomas, the event showcased riveting battles, culminating in the selection of a deserving champion amidst an enthralled audience.

Adaah

Team Mrityunjaya, the Indian Dance team of the Josephite Dance Association, conducted the Indian group dance spectacle named Adaah on February 20, 2023. An assembly of 62 teams, each comprising 4 to 8 members from diverse schools, graced the event. The competition, judged by Ms Thejaswini Balaji and Ms Sushmitha Vincent, both Assistant Professors in the Department of Commerce, saw different dance genres including Indian contemporary, semi-classical, freestyle, folk, Bollywood, and tapang, gracing the stage. The finals showcased 12 remarkable teams.



Shakurspeare – A Battle of Rhythmic Verses

On February 10, 2023, the art of rap took center stage in Shakurspeare, an individual rap battle competition. The event, graced by popular singer SID18 as judge, featured 11 participants who

skillfully wielded their words to captivate, entertain, and engage the audience.

The Human Soundbox

Elevating rhythm to an art form, The Human Soundbox presented an exhilarating Beatbox Battle on January 30, 2023. This individual competition provided a platform for 22 participants to unveil their beatboxing brilliance.

Aaroha

The Indian solo singing event had 117 participants take part on February 6, 2023. The preliminary round witnessed a melodic showdown, judged by Ms Vidya Ramachandran and Ms Preksha Bharadwaj. Of these, 32 vocalists advanced to the finals on February 13, 2023, where their vocal prowess was evaluated by the discerning ear of Vid Roopa Srikanth.

Mehfil

Mehfil welcomed musical talents from various backgrounds to perform as a team on February 20, 2023. The event hosted 20 teams who showcased their musical aptitude. Under the scrutiny of judge Ms Preksha Bharadwaj, 11 teams emerged as finalists, further igniting the stage on February 27, 2023.

Cadenza

Cadenza, the Western solo singing competition, was conducted across four rounds: prelims (Anima), Susprium, Bends, and finals (Arpeggi), held on January 30 and 31, 2023. The event witnessed the participation of approximately 160 students in the preliminary round, dubbed Anima. Around 50 participants advanced to Susprium, where unique evaluation techniques led by assigned coaches, and subsequent duet performances in Bends, determined the best 32 participants. Arpeggi revealed the talents of the finalists.

Western Acoustic Contest

The Western Acoustic contest on February 16, 2023, featured nine teams, each consisting of up to eight members. These talented groups delivered melodious performances that captivated the audience. On February 28, 2023, the event's climax showcased four exceptional teams, with Mr. Marcel Hoover as the judge.

Lehra

Kalah, the Indian Music Association, organized the Indian Classical Music event, Lehra, on February 11, 2023. Participants embarked on musical journeys with single accompanying instruments. Judge Mr Mahesh Prasad's discerning assessment added to the event's impact.

Disk Battles

February 25, 2023, witnessed the lively DJ Wars event, where nine students from various schools showcased their DJing abilities. Guided by music artist Tork, the participants delivered captivating performances with Chirag and Shashank emerging as winners.

Manao Toh Jaane

On February 22, 2023, the Hindi Parishad, in collaboration with the Student Council, presented the event "Manao Toh Jaane." 19 participants exhibited their persuasive debating skills, engaging in skillful discourse on a range of topics. From actor Salman Khan's marriage to critiquing the dowry system, participants navigated diverse subjects with cleverness and creativity. Following a preliminary and final round, 10 participants progressed, showcasing a delightful blend of innovation and humor. Mr Satish Honnanagar and Mr Guru Datta, Assistant Professors in the Department of Hindi, served as judges, evoking hearty laughter and applause from an appreciative audience. The winners were Anurag Tomar, Shubham Mishra, Neha Jain, and Aastha Gupta.

Actomania

On February 10, 2023, Actomania featured 26 participants showcasing solo acting talent through monologues and performances. The event conveyed various emotions, from humor to personal anecdotes and societal observations, with participants given 3-4 minutes each to captivate the audience. The top three performers were chosen for their impactful delivery.

Ice Age

The MIMA Association organized the Ice Age ice breakers competition with two rounds on February 11 and February 28, 2023. Nine teams introduced their schools in an imaginative manner,

with five advancing to the finals. In a 10-minute timeframe, the finalist teams skillfully performed their acts, fostering an atmosphere of shared laughter and enjoyment.

Mystery of Silence

The Mystery of Silence event on February 16, 2023, had participants decode historical enigmas through dumb charades. From 60 qualifiers, 17 teams tackled a four-round challenge with silhouettes, images, slogans, and emojis from World and Indian Histories, as well as Indian Mythology. The elimination process saw three teams victorious in each round. With thought-provoking questions, the event sparked enthusiasm among participants from various streams, making it a memorable experience during Prathibha 2023.

My Mona Lisa

On February 14, 2023, the Department of French and Rendezvous, the French Association, hosted an event where thirty participants presented their creative interpretations of the Mona Lisa. Each individual reimaged the iconic artwork in their own unique way. It was judged by Mr Nevil D'Souza and Mr Suhas Srinivas.

Air Crash

The individual event Air Crash took place on January 30, 2023, featuring 30 participants in the main event after a questionnaire round. Their captivating performances left a strong impression on judges and spectators. The judges were Mr Arun, Mr Anush, and Mr Deepak.

Josephite Family Feud

The Josephite Family Feud contest consisted of online and offline rounds. The preliminary round took place online on February 20, 2023, with 58 teams comprising 174 members completing tasks within a 30-minute window. The subsequent offline finals on February 22, 2023, included nine captivating rounds that showcased spirited participation. The event's winners were Divyashree GM, Pranav Amarnath, Neelganth S, Sania Christle Vaz, Adithya Prakash, Bhuvan Kashyap, Chinmae C, Manoj, and Abhijit S.

Elan Vital

Elan Vital, a fashion show extravaganza

held on February 6, 2023, saw a participation of 50 teams from diverse Schools. As Lt Akshay D Mandlik's discerning eye judged the event, ten teams, including the university's Fashion Team, secured their place in the finals on February 28, 2023.

Personality

On February 26, 2023, 105 students participated in the Personality event. The preliminary round was written. The final stage saw 12 individuals competing under the evaluation of judges Mr Praveen Devasagayam and Mr Ruben Stalin. Through this event, the crowning of Mr and Miss Pratibha—Pranav B and Sania Philip, happened.

Murder Mystery

Hosted by the French association Rendezvous, Murder Mystery saw a preliminary round, conducted online on February 16, 2023, of over 700 applications and more than 500 teams. With 40 teams advancing to the finals on February 17, 2023, the competition's two rounds revealed the University's 'true detectives.'

Just a Minute

Just a Minute, held on February 14, 2023, brought together 25 minds representing diverse schools. Consisting of five preliminary rounds and a captivating grand finale, the event showcased participants' remarkable elocution skills. Judged by Ms Shireen, the event celebrated effective communication.

Sitharam Pesuthadi

Sitharam Pesuthadi, a spirited language-based game conducted by the SJU Tamil Sangam, happened on February 6, 2023. Participants engaged in lively rounds of guessing movie names using clips and clues presented on the screen. The finals on February 15, 2023, saw seven qualifying teams, navigating through rounds filled with questions on movies and song lyrics.

Improv

On January 30, 2023, Improv provided a platform for students to showcase their on-stage talents. This contest had two rounds: prompt acting and a question game. As 28 teams, each consisting of three participants, embraced spontaneity and

creativity, they wowed the audience with engaging and distinctive performances.

Dawn Expressions

Dawn Expressions, an online creative writing competition, was held on February 25, 2023. With 56 participants, this individual event invited writers to explore the themes of 'morning in Bangalore' and 'pockets'. The judge was Ms Vijeta Kumar, Assistant Professor of the Department of English. The winners of the event were:

- I. Sharon V (20BCOMD045)
 - II. Chaitrashree GA (221BCOMB022)
 - III. Ahamika Pattnaik (21PMC36)
- Special Mention: Anamica Vinod (222JIN27)

Capture the Moment

The primary aim of this year's photography competition, Capture the Moment, was to document the activities on campus during Prathibha 2023. A diverse group of approximately 20 students from different schools participated in this event. Mr Anandhu KH, a distinguished Production Faculty member from the Institute of Communication and Media Studies judged the event and selected the three most outstanding submissions.

Animania

An quiz competition centered around anime, titled Animania, took place on February 22, 2023. The preliminary round witnessed an impressive participation of 73 teams. Transitioning to the semi-finals on February 27, 2023, the spotlight shone on 13 qualifying teams who vied for the coveted positions among the top five finalists. This event proved to be a unifying platform for anime enthusiasts, as they pooled their knowledge and passion to the ultimate test.

Arm Wrestling

A lighthearted arm wrestling competition was conducted on February 28, 2023, attracting a robust gathering of participants. An impressive turnout of over 100 students engaged in separate rounds, comprising eight rounds for boys and four for girls, each lasting a single minute. The champions of this event were Aidan (21CPE082) and Shriya (20BVC050).

Business Summit

On February 22, 2023, a collaborative event named the Business Summit took center stage. Six teams, each comprising 12 participants, assembled to partake in five rounds designed to present a comprehensive overview of a business venture. In the inaugural round, participants conceptualized their construction companies, including devising names and showcasing their prowess in technological and human resource domains. Subsequent rounds encompassed a business quiz, a dynamic twist involving a government grant, resourceful utilization of accrued funds in auctions, persuasive synopsis presentations, and strategic negotiations among participants. The event was judged by Ms Anjali Sharma and Ms Riya.

Film Olympics

Rushes Film Club conducted the much-anticipated Film Olympics on February 28, 2023. Extending across five rounds spanning three weeks, this event garnered esteemed industry professionals and experts as judges. A unique facet of the competition required participants to prepare a 'roast sheet,' an essential precursor to the random face-offs.

Ad Film Making

Presented by The Rushes Film Club, the Ad Film Making competition took place on February 16, 2023. Judged by Mr Jacques Nikolai Border, the individual event involved 10 talented participants who crafted ad films on a given theme.

Laugh at This

Laugh at This, a standup comedy competition, was conducted across three riveting rounds. Commencing on February 10, 2023, the preliminary phase comprised two segments, while the grand finale happened on February 20, 2023. The initial round required participants to deliver classic standup acts within a concise 3-minute timeframe. The subsequent round required qualified contestants with an extended 5-minute slot to showcase their funny bone on a chosen topic. The climactic third round featured a spirited script-based roast battle between the two finalists. This event not only elicited uproarious laughter from both the audience and contestants but also impressed the judges Mr Denzel Moses and Mr Ritvik. The triumphant comedians were Akash Das, Sohail Ahmed, and

Mayukkan.

Dhum Bekoley

On February 10, 2023, the Kannada Sangha conducted a Sandalwood trivia contest named Dhum Bekoley. A total of 78 participants, forming teams of two, participated. Mr. Dhanush B, former General Secretary of the Kannada Sangha, judged the event.

Rebuttal Rebels

Spanning two rounds, the Rebuttal Rebels debating contest's initial round was on February 10, 2023, featuring 14 articulate participants deliberating on, 'Should feminism be irrelevant in the 21st century?'. The subsequent round, held on February 21, 2023, witnessed the crowning of 10 finalists who passionately debated the motion, 'All drugs should be legalized'.

Slam Me

"Slam Me," a slam poetry contest that spanned two rounds, happened on February 9, 2023 and February 11, 2023. Ms Nirmala Rajah Cynthia, Assistant Professor within the Department of English was the judge. There were eight finalists.

Band of Pacific Asia

Band of Pacific Asia on February 15, 2023, a musical soirée, showcased an eclectic blend of traditional Asian melodies, modern pop, and the timeless allure of jazz. Conducted under the aegis of Student Council and graced by the presence of 1200 attendees within the auditorium, the event saw stringent security measures. Dr Cheriyan Alexander from the English Department played an instrumental role in making this happen. The ensemble comprised esteemed members including Master Sergeant Joshua Holdridge, Staff Sergeant Peter Somerville, Tech Sergeant David Dormeus, Senior Airman Austin Pierce, Tech Sergeant Joanne Griffin, Staff Sergeant Salina Cruz, and Tech Sergeant Kelcey McDonald. Their masterful fusion of age-old traditions and contemporary rhythms elicited a standing ovation, underscoring the significance of cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue.

VISAGES 2023

The annual cultural intercollegiate fest, "VISAGES 2023," organized by the Student Council, showcased a diverse

range of cultural exchange and artistic expression. Held on March 24 and 25, 2023, this year's theme was "street style," bringing together talents from four contingents and ten colleges. The celebration featured more than 30 events, including dance competitions, rap battles, singing showcases, and more, all reflecting the lively intercollegiate spirit and street culture. The highlight was the Pro Night, which attracted over 4000 students to the campus over two days. Winners were announced on the same day for each event, with St Joseph's College of Commerce emerging as the overall winner. This year's fest also featured renowned international artists from Sunburn Arena, such as 'Le Twins,' along with DJs Jonas Monteiro and Quinixo. Expert judges evaluated each event, providing inspiration to participants. VISAGES 2023 showcased creativity, talent, and passion, thanks to the hard work of participants, performers, and volunteers. Following is an extended report of individual events:

Ice Breakers

On March 24, the university auditorium hosted "Ice Breakers," an event organized by the MIMA Association. The teams, St Joseph College of Commerce and Presidency University, showcased their camaraderie and competitive spirit. The event started at 1:00 pm and ended at 2:00 pm, with Anthony Rithvik and Nishanth Peter as judges. The rules were clear, with each team having 6+2 members and a time limit of 6+1 minutes. The event emphasized decorum, prohibiting vulgarity and props, and favoring English language use. It consisted of two rounds—an introduction round within the time limit and an improv round that tested quick thinking. Both teams impressed the audience with their teamwork and creativity, leading to two winners.

Aficionado

Aficionado, a competition focused on managerial skills, took place on March 24 from 1:15 pm to 4:00 pm. Three colleges participated: Christ University and Presidency College, with two and one teams respectively. The competition had four rounds. The first round involved a group discussion on the ethical dilemma of euthanasia. The HR round focused on a 'hire and fire' scenario. The marketing round included a product launch and a laptop swap challenge to test adaptability. The final round tested teams' ability

to handle PR crises. The participants demonstrated critical thinking, problem-solving, and adaptability. Christ University emerged as the winners, showcasing their strong skills in management.

Street Wars (Council Wars)

VISAGES 2023 bore witness to a spirited rivalry between the student councils of diverse colleges in "Street Wars." The contest began at 3:20 pm on the main stage, featuring representatives from St Joseph's College of Commerce and Presidency College. Each team had three minutes to present their strategy for a hypothetical college council crisis, using visuals and props. St Joseph's College of Commerce impressed with their experienced crisis management approach, while Presidency College showcased confidence and new ideas. St Joseph's College of Commerce emerged as the winner after careful evaluation.

Otaku Olympics and Cosplay Clash

"Otaku Olympics and Cosplay Clash" celebrated anime culture through an anime quiz and a cosplay showcase. Eight teams, with 16 participants from institutions like SRCC, NIFT, and Presidency College, took part. The event was sponsored by an Instagram store. The first quiz round had 25 questions and three bonus questions. Five winning teams emerged. SJU claimed the top spot, followed by SJCC. NIFT won the cosplay competition. Prizes like T-shirts, posters, and stickers were awarded to the winners.

256 Hertz (Beatbox Battle)

On the second day of VISAGES, various events took place, including the "256 Hertz (Beatbox Battle)." Eight participants, six from different colleges, demonstrated their beatboxing skills. Despite minor challenges, the event proceeded smoothly, engaging participants and spectators. Eminent judges from the Indian beatboxing community provided fair evaluation. This showcase highlighted the talent and dedication of top beatboxers.

Mehfil

"Meandering through Indian group music, 'Mehfil' graced day two of VISAGES. Christ University presented a blend of classical and contemporary Indian melodies that captivated the audience. SJCC focused on classical vocals, impressing with harmonies and voices.

Mr Manojavvam Aatreya, an Indian music expert, judged the event, and Christ University won.

Chiral

On March 24, the "Chiral" event, organized by the Chemical Society of Chemistry, explored chemical concepts. The event took place from 12:50 pm to 3:50 pm in room N104. Ten teams participated—seven from St Joseph's University, two from Christ University, and one from Dayanand Sagar College. The event consisted of a preliminary round and three challenges. Each round eliminated two teams based on marks. In the preliminary round, participants filled the periodic table in five minutes. The next round was a crossword puzzle involving chemistry facts and puns in ten minutes. The Guesstures round required verbal communication and laptop exchange. In the final ChemJam round, participants competed individually with a hypothetical scenario. Christ University won, followed by St Joseph's University.

Personality

The "Personality" event lit up the auditorium on March 25 at 3:30 pm. It started with a written preliminary round, where 12 participants answered ten questions. The main event followed, with three engaging rounds. First was the introduction round, where participants showcased themselves. Then came the talent round, eliminating six participants. The roast round featured witty banter, selecting four contenders for the grand finals. Allen Gonzales won as Mr Visages, and judges received mementos to show the university's gratitude.

Indian Classical Durbar

On March 24, the "Indian Classical Durbar" event was part of the Visages fest, organized by the Indian Music Association. It began at 11:30 am, featuring three participants performing mini-concerts, including instrumentalists. The melodies celebrated the diverse heritage of Indian classical music. Manojavvam Athreya, an expert in this art form, judged the event.

Pantomimist (Mime)

The "Pantomimist (Mime)" event took place in Arrupe Atrium from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on March 24. Stephan Paul, a university alumnus, judged the

event. Teams of seven to nine members participated, telling stories without props, using expressive skills. Each team had five (plus one) minutes to perform. Last Minute Production from Christ University won first place, followed by Zealous Production, also from Christ University, in second place.

Funeral Flight (Air Crash)

Kicking off day 1 of VISAGES, “Funeral Flight” started at 10:30 am in Arrupe Atrium. Participants from different colleges showcased their creativity. Round one had participants introducing themselves as South Indian characters. In the next round, judges assigned personas, and participants vied for the judge’s favor to win the parachute. Mayukan from SJU won, and Allen Gonsalves from SJCC was the runner-up.

24 Frames a Day

Rushes Film Club organized “24 Frames a Day” in VISAGES 2023, a six-hour filmmaking challenge. Teams of one to six members participated, creating films based on the theme “Instability of Life” within six hours. The films, three to seven minutes long, were submitted digitally through a Google form and judged by Nicholas. Stalan Renzo and Team from SJCC won, and Pavithra from Christ University YPR was the runner-up.

Runway Rendezvous (Fashion Event)

“Runway Rendezvous,” a fashion team event, was part of the second day of VISAGES. SJCC and SJEC participated, judged by Jaspreet Kaur and Nikitha Mutha. SJCC won first place, and SJEC was the runner-up. The event celebrated fashion creativity and talent.

Pitch Please! (Western Solo Singing)

“Pitch Please!” started at 11:00 am, focusing on western solo singing by 11 participants judged by Preene Dias and Agnes John. Risa Patrick from SJCC won first place, and Diya from Christ University came in second.

Urban Jukebox (Western Group Music)

“Urban Jukebox” showcased western group music, judged by Ricky Mathew, Andrew, and Manisha Ruth. SJCC won with harmonious melodies, while MCC secured second place. It was a celebration

of musical unity in VISAGES.

GROOVE 2GETHER (Western Group Dance)

“Groove 2Gether,” organized by Jstreets Crew, the western dance association, celebrated dance unity. At 12:45 pm on day two, twelve teams performed. Illusions Crew won with creative and skillful dance, while Insync Crew secured second place, impressing the audience.

Pravah (Indian Group Dance)

“Pravah,” led by Team Mrityunjaya of the Josephite Dance Association, showcased Indian group dance. Seven college teams performed diverse styles like Indian Contemporary, Classical, Semi-Classical, and Bollywood. Thematic and non-theme performances highlighted the multifaceted Indian dance panorama. NMIT’s Team Sangharsh, SJCC’s Team Lasya, and MCC’s Team Ahilya emerged as winners, showing dedication and artistry.

Ly Hara (Indian Solo Dance)

“Ly Hara,” an Indian solo dance event, took place at 12:30 pm on day two of VISAGES. Contestants from MCC, SJCC, MVJCE, Christ University, KJC, and Seshadripuram Law College showcased their intricate choreographies, reflecting the essence of Indian dance. Ms Thejasvini Balaji, Assistant Professor of the Department of Commerce, judged the event. KJC secured first place, SJCC came second, and Christ University (Kengeri) took third place.

Royale Resonance (Battle of Bands)

“Royale Resonance,” a collaboration of WMA and Kalah, took place on day two of VISAGES from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Bands displayed their exceptional musical talents, creating a vibrant atmosphere. Despite challenges, the bands delivered electrifying performances, filling the evening with a melodic array of notes and rhythms.

Aaroha (Indian Solo Singing)

“Aaroha,” an Indian solo singing event by Kalah, took place on February 24 in the Arrupe AV room. Fourteen participants from various Bangalore colleges showcased a variety of genres, from folk to melodious tunes. Singing in different languages, they celebrated India’s musical diversity. Renowned Indian singer Mr

Pranesh judged the event.

Improv

“Improv,” organized by the Mima Association, lit up day two with spontaneous creativity. Five teams, each with three participants, showcased wit and improvisational skills. In the first round, participants tackled tricky hypothetical situations in a four-minute window, evoking laughter. The second round challenged participants to switch languages while improvising. SJCC claimed the top spot, with Presidency in second and another SJCC team in third.

Pushpaka Vimana (Dumb Charades)

Pushpaka Vimana showcased linguistic prowess on day one, organized by the Kannada Sangha in N101 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Dr. Poonima BN, Associate Professor of the Department of Kannada, judged the event. Five teams competed in four rounds of intellectual battle using gestures and expressions. SJU secured victory, while Jyothi Nivas College earned the runner-up position.

Bid Bash

The Entrepreneurship Cell organized a thrilling “Bid Bash,” where 11 aspiring moguls participated in an auctioning event. Teams bid for team names and 84 players, with Team SJCC winning through strategic prowess. Christ University YPR secured the runner-up position, showcasing their strategic acumen.

Utsaah ‘23

The student council’s efforts culminated in the vibrant “Utsaah ‘23” Ethnic Day celebrations on May 7, 2023, at the University auditorium. Over 3000 students celebrated cultural diversity from 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Student groups like WMA, Kalah, 4th Riff band, Hindi Parishad, Tamil Sangam, Kannada Sangha, and Malayalam Association performed music, dance, and cultural skits, reflecting unity amidst variety and showcasing student talents.



St Joseph’s College (Autonomous) underwent a significant transformation on February 23, 2021, as it attained the esteemed status of a university. This

transition was marked by the renaming of the research institute to St Joseph's Research Institute (SJRI). The core vision of SJRI revolves around the utilization of research to explore and assess various dimensions of reality within both the natural and societal realms. The primary objective of SJRI is to facilitate research endeavors within St Joseph's University (SJU). A Faculty Development Training Programme titled "Use and Application of Plagiarism Detection Software" took place on January 14, 2023. February 10, 2023, witnessed a significant milestone as SJU introduced its Ph.D. program. Distinguished figures, Mr B. Thimme Gowda, Vice Chairman of Karnataka State Higher Education Council, and Mr S. Madheswaran, Head of the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, graced the occasion as chief guests. This program spans across over 20 subjects, offering admission twice a year, in July and January, complemented by a monthly stipend for full-time scholars. Notably, the inaugural batch of students commenced their PhD studies on February 11, 2023, in fields including Botany, Chemistry, Physics, and English. "Feminist Methodology in Social Sciences Research" (Lecture Series 1) was the focus of a special lecture delivered on February 23, 2023. On March 17, 2023, a compelling lecture on "Research Methods in the Humanities" (Lecture Series 2) captured the attention of Ph.D. scholars and postgraduate students. Further insights were gleaned through a lecture on "Climate Change and Natural Disasters: An Indian Perspective" (Lecture Series 3) on March 24, 2023. In a dedicated effort to enrich knowledge, a workshop centered on the theme "Conservation of Biodiversity and Medicinal Plants in India" was conducted on March 27, 2023. This was tailored for the benefit of PhD scholars and postgraduate students in the field of Social Sciences. On March 29, 2023, a significant accomplishment materialized as the analytical chemistry laboratory, a collaborative venture between St Joseph's University and the Eurofins group of companies, was formally inaugurated. This pioneering initiative aligns with the Eurofins group's commitment to the "Atma Nirbhar" (Self-Reliant) program of India, dedicated to fostering human capital development.

MAGIS LECTURE SERIES

The inaugural Magis Lecture Series by the third shift on March 2, 2023, had a two-

fold agenda: 'How to Fuel Your Dreams?' by Ms. Sangeetha Nikkam, emphasizing social responsibility, and 'How to Establish a Startup?' by Mr. Abhishek Dwivedi, inspiring entrepreneurship. The event commenced with a prayer by Mr. Joshua and team, followed by a welcome speech by Mr. Preet Jain. Ms. Astha served as the MC, while Mr. Jerrin Chandan S and Mr. Prashanth Kumar coordinated the series, ensuring its success. The series motivated students to plan for their future, pursue dreams, and create a positive societal impact.

SHIFT III - GUEST LECTURE

On February 27, 2023, Mr Prashanth, an expert in digital marketing with experience in social media campaigns, delivered a guest lecture on 'Youth and Social Media'. His talk centered on the impact of social media on young individuals and the associated challenges. Mr Prashanth discussed the positive aspects of social media, such as its value for self-expression, relationship-building, and raising awareness for social causes. However, he also addressed the concerning aspects, including social media addiction, cyberbullying, and exposure to inappropriate content. He emphasized the importance of responsible social media use, setting boundaries, taking breaks, and exercising caution while interacting online. In conclusion, the audience received Mr. Prashanth's lecture positively, finding it both informative and thought-provoking. His insights provided valuable guidance for young people to navigate social media responsibly while being mindful of potential risks.

SHIFT III - VISIT TO NATIONAL GALLERY OF MODERN ART

On March 10, 2023, an exclusive visit to the National Gallery of Modern Art was organized for Creative & Critical Thinking students from all shifts. The objectives were to foster creativity and cultivate critical thinking. The students were warmly welcomed by the gallery staff, received insights from the Deputy Curator, explored diverse artworks, and shared reflections. Many found the experience thrilling, offering valuable learning beyond the classroom. Overall, the visit was enriching and fruitful.

SHIFT III - ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

St Joseph's University's Shift III organized an Orientation Programme on January 10, 2023, to welcome students and their parents/guardians for the new semester. The event featured Dr Greta D'Souza, Associate Professor from Christ (deemed-to-be) University, as the Chief Guest, who spoke about the importance of freedom and responsibility. The programme also included addresses from Fr Maxim Dias SJ, Mr Prashanth Kumar, Mr Abriel Simon Kajar, and Ms Rashi Tibrewal. Faculty members discussed various subjects, such as the mission and vision of Jesuit education, the Bembala outreach programme, and the mentoring programme. After a short break with refreshments, students and parents/guardians met their respective mentors in the allotted classrooms. The event's success was attributed to the contributions of Ms Prathibha Sara Jacob, Ms Lakshmi S, and Mr Prashanth Kumar, along with other faculty members.

SHIFT III - TEJAS 2023

From March 27 to April 3, 2023, St Joseph's University organized its first-ever inter-class cultural fest exclusively for Shift III students. The week-long fest commenced with Dr (Fr) Maxim Dias SJ, the Shift III director, lighting a sky lantern and unveiling the fest banner painted by students.

Over the following days, from March 28, a total of 26 competitions in literary, performing arts, fine arts, and digital arts took place daily from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, cleverly scheduled not to clash with regular classes. The theme, 'Inclusivity elevates all,' aimed to provide each student with a chance to showcase their talents, irrespective of their courses. The events spanned languages, dance, music, acting, cooking without fire, and more, encouraging the celebration of diverse cultures and acceptance of differences.

The Satsophia Association hosted various competitions like 'Reelathon,' 'Photography,' 'Pitch-a-movie,' and 'Quiz,' adding to the fest's vibrancy. The finale on April 3 witnessed exciting stage events, including the Ethnic Parade, Group Singing, Group Dance, and the much-awaited Personality contest. BBA-D secured the coveted trophy as

overall champions, closely followed by BBA-C as runners-up. Mr Prajwal Tenginkai from BBA-D and Ms Avantika from BA-JS were declared Mr Tejas'23 and Ms Tejas'23, respectively, honored by Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, Dr (Fr) Maxim Dias, and Mr Prashant Kumar.

IQAC

Joseph's University is Dr Madappa MB, selected from the department of Biotechnology. Following a successful 8-year tenure as the coordinator, Dr Syed Wajeed handed over the leadership position. Responsible for managing administrative responsibilities at the IQAC office, Ms Swathi S Narayan has been designated as the secretary. The university's criteria coordinators are as follows:

Dr Padma Nandan Karioth	Criterion 1- Curricular Aspects
Dr Paramesha Mallegowda	Criterion 2- Teaching, Learning and Evaluation
Dr A Mohan	Criterion 3- Research, Innovation and Extension
Dr Jayashankar M.	Criterion 4- Infrastructure and Learning Resources
Mr Taral Shah	Criterion 5- Student Support and Progression
Dr Vaishnavi M.	Criterion 6- Governance, Leadership and Management
Ms Poonam R. Ahuja	Criterion 7-Institutional Values & Best Practices

Dr Madappa MB, Fr Richard Rego, Dr Christo, Kiran Jeevan, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, Mr Kiran Jeevan participated in multiple conclaves, workshops and conferences for bolstering the engagements of IQAC.

Documentation and Ranking

The NIRF application and documents was presented to the college officials by Dr Syed Wajeed and Dr Madappa.MB. The application and documents for NIRF overall ranking, India Today magazine ranking for Arts, Science, Commerce, Mass Communication, MSW, and BCA, and The Week magazine ranking for Arts, Science, Commerce, and Mass Communication were meticulously prepared and submitted by the IQAC office. Visits from delegates representing various colleges, including Loyola Academy Secunderabad, Maris Stella College Vijayawada, and MS Ramaiah College Bengaluru, enriched the university's interactions.

The IQAC office initiated the evaluation of teaching criteria by students for the odd semester of 2022-23. Constructive feedback sessions commenced, accompanied by an assessment of the department's online OE courses through a two-tiered examination process. Faculty members reviewed online videos and notes generated for OE courses. The Director chaired the meeting of the class IQAC representatives, overseeing the ongoing review of recommendations and concerns. The formation of external members for the university's Greater IQAC team is in progress, culminating in the university's inaugural comprehensive IQAC meeting upon completion.



SCHOOL/INSTITUTES

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Events

Industry Institution Interaction on Insurance

The Department of Management organized a talk on Industry Institution Interaction On Insurance on June 7, 2022 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. The talk was held at Arrupe Block in St. Joseph's University. The theme of the lecture was life insurance and general insurance of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India. The resource person was Mr K A Ambekar, retired Assistant Divisional Manager LIC of India & Consulting Professional Expert (Retired), Office of Insurance Ombudsman Bengaluru, Karnataka. The seminar was organised by Dr S Amudhan, Assistant Professor, the Department of Management. It was attended by the students of Bachelor of Business Administration (Banking).

GST Laws and Procedures

On June 30, 2022, a guest lecture on GST Laws and Procedures was organized for II BCOM IFA students in the De Nobili Hall at St Joseph's University. The lecture was part of the Research Methodology and Scientific Writing course and was led by CA Anil Bharadwaj, a practising Chartered Accountant and Senior Partner in Bharadwaj and Hosmat Chartered Accountants. The session provided students with practical hands-on experience in filing returns and covered various processes related to GST CA Anil Bharadwaj also incorporated humorous references from Kautilya's Arthashastra to explain the implications of taxes. The event was well-received, and Ms Jocelyn delivered the vote of thanks to conclude the session.

Guest Lecture on Commodity Derivative Market

A guest lecture on Commodity Derivative Market was conducted through Microsoft Teams on July 8, 2022. The speaker was Mr Shrikant Koundinya from the

Multi Commodity Exchange of India, Ltd. Futures and options on commodity exchanges were discussed during the session. The speaker gave examples on how it's traded using the help of the live market. He spoke about commodity derivatives with examples and factors affecting the prices.

MoU with Nanyang Technology University



An MoU meeting was held on August 8, 2022, in the Board Room at St Joseph's University. The meeting was attended by Mr. Rahul from Nanyang Technology University, Singapore, who proposed an MoU partnership with SJU. Nanyang Technology University is a prestigious institution, ranking 19th on the World University Rankings in 2022. The meeting focused on establishing a student exchange programme, a faculty development programme, and enhancing research and collaboration opportunities between both universities.

Professional Interface Forum

On September 9, 2022, the Department of Management at the School of Business organized the Professional Interface Forum to familiarise BCOM students with the business world's functioning and nuances. Over four hundred students from BBA and SF attended the forum, where Dr Sushil Kumar Chaturvedi was the resource person. He discussed international business, highlighting the top leaders of major organizations worldwide. Dr Chaturvedi emphasized the importance of going international for business growth and encouraged students to consider their potential for becoming future CEOs in Fortune 500 companies. The event concluded with a vote of thanks

by Ms Shalvi of III BBA.

Faculty orientation programme on CMA

A faculty orientation program on CMA was held on September 12, 2022, with Mr Madan M as the guest speaker. Mr Madan, a CPA and CMA qualified professional working with First American since 2019, discussed the scope and opportunities of the CMA program. The session included a detailed comparative analysis of other professional programs offered in the industry, addressing eligibility criteria, syllabus, course coverage, and examination patterns.

Tata Consultancy Services



On September 15, 2022, a session on work culture orientation at Tata Consultancy Services was organized by Mr Ravi Kumar, the student relationship manager, and Mr Satish Seelam, the associate vice-president of Tata Consultancy Services. Students of III BCOM BPS, II BCOM BPS, and I BCOM BPS attended the event, where Mr Satish discussed the process of interviewing fresher candidates at TCS and provided insights into the company's culture. The students gained a clear understanding of Tata Consultancy Service and left the session with most of their doubts cleared.

Ace the ACCA

A guest lecture on Ace to ACCA was held on September 17, 2022, delivered by Mr Ankit V Mathew, an ACCA affiliate who secured the second rank AIR in the FM paper. Ms Amita Priyadarshini, Dr Fathima Farzana, Dr Sayantani Banerjee, and ACCA coordinators, Ms Raj Kiran and Ms Gisa George presided

over the event. Mr Mathew shared the importance of ACCA and discussed his journey and sacrifices to achieve his ACCA qualification. He provided valuable advice on time management, self-fulfillment, and avoiding distractions for the students' ACCA preparation. The session concluded with a Q&A session, followed by a strong vote of thanks by Vijay of II IFA.

Corporate Connect

On September 29, 2022, the association Corporate Connect from the Department of Commerce held an event where Mr Krishnan, an alumnus of St Joseph's College of Commerce, shared his journey from being a student to becoming the Managing Director of Iyer Idli. Mr Krishnan began his career as a professor at SJCC and later worked for Goldman Sachs. He narrated his experiences and struggles in managing both Goldman Sachs and his family business after his father's passing. He highlighted the importance of family support and the value of sleep for the body's functioning.

Corporate Connect

On October 17, 2022, the association Corporate Connect from the Department of Commerce organized a guest lecture on the Evolution of Careers in retail marketing. Mr Barman, a mentor of the Entrepreneurship Cell of BITS Pilani India and Advisory Board Member to multiple start-ups, was the resource person. Mr Barman discussed previously unknown histories of retail marketing and the role technology plays in enabling changes in the retailing paradigm. He emphasized the importance of the customer in the retail process and engaged in a lively Q&A session with the students, addressing topics like behavioural data patterns pre and post-pandemic.

The Alumni Talk Series - G Nikila

On October 19, 2022, the Department of Commerce organized the Alumni Talk Series. The event aimed to provide a platform for present students to connect with various alumni of SJC to develop their careers and career paths. Alumni and ACCA affiliates Ms Ain Masoomah, Mr Pratheek Medappa, Mr Mohammed Salman, Mr Mohammed Hashim, and Ms Neha Janet were invited to this event. The alumni shared their experiences, thoughts on becoming affiliates, and answered specific questions related to

exam preparation and managing college and professional studies simultaneously.

Workshop on Beyond Fear and Brand Stories

ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY
Department of Management in association with Miles Education Organizes

WORKSHOP ON
BEYOND FEAR
& BRAND STORIES

SHRI. PRATHISH NAIR
Founder & Architect Miles SoBA

Date : 15th November 2022
Timings : 9 am to 12 pm

The Department of Management in association with Miles Education organised a workshop for the students of BBA on the topic Beyond Fear and Brand Stories. It was conducted on November 15, 2022. It was held at the main auditorium in St. Joseph's University. The session was conducted by Prathish Nair. He demonstrated the key aspects and reasons for individual fear and how to overcome it. He also focused on the role of educators in shaping students' lives and future. The session was interactive and there was active participation by students. The program was organized by Dr Greeshma Francis. The session was graced by the presence of Ms Sarah John Head of the Department of Commerce and all faculty members.

Portfolio Management – Amshula

A guest lecture on Portfolio Management was on November 16, 2022. It was held at De Nobili Hall in St. Joseph's University. Mr Arul Balaji was the guest speaker. He started off the session by explaining the meaning of a portfolio. He then explained the steps to be followed to create a portfolio. Firstly, open an account with any broker company and then keep updates regarding it. Types of asset classes were discussed such as cash and cash equivalents, equity real estate, and fixed income. Crypto currency, its advantages and disadvantages, and its evolution were also discussed. These topics were explained in detail. Finally

simple stock selection and portfolio construction was discussed. A technical analysis of long-term performance and volatility. The audience was told that they need to choose if they want to be an aggressive investor, a moderate investor, or a conservative one.

Emotional Intelligence for Entrepreneurs and Trends in Banking - Shift III

On February 8, 2023, St Joseph's University organized a guest lecture discussing Emotional Intelligence for Entrepreneurs and Trends in Banking, beyond the regular curriculum. The aim was to boost critical thinking, knowledge, and balance career goals with personal life. Speakers included Ms Sunitha Paneker, Professor at UAE University - Oman; Mr Srinivas, Chief Manager at SBI; and Mr Varun Ramachandran. This focus enriched students and staff, with Mr Srinivas explaining banking operations and the importance of understanding policies. Mr Ramachandran stressed learning beyond the curriculum, drawing from diverse organizational experiences to highlight personal identification, youth skill gaps, digital transformation, generational engagement, and workplace diversity.

Guest Lecture - Law, Business Ethics, and Artificial Intelligence - Shift III

On February 27, 2023, St Joseph's University hosted a guest lecture on Law, Business Ethics, and Artificial Intelligence. The goal was to update students on evolving technological trends. Speakers, Dr C G Manjunatha and Mr Philip Varughese, shared expertise. Mr Philip Varughese, an industry veteran in Analytics, Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security & Risk Leadership, and Digital Transformation, emphasized understanding AI's global significance and its potential impact on jobs. Dr C G Manjunatha, a respected assistant professor with 16 years of teaching experience, shared insights into IPC sections and business law, enriching students' understanding.

Faculty Achievements

Ms Gisa George

Ms Gisa George authored two papers in 2022. Her first publication was a research paper on "A Study on Challenges and Future of Neobanks in India" in the Web of Science Journal - International Journal of Early Childhood Special Education Vol 14. She also published another research paper on "ICT - The Catalyst in the

Teaching-Learning Process - A Teacher's Perspective" in the International Journal of Human Rights Vol 9.

Dr Christo Selvan

Dr Christo Selvan was part of the peer review board at the Indian Journal of Economics and Development in 2022. To commend his efforts in research, he also won the National Award for Excellence in Academia by Miles Education on November 26, 2022.

Mr Charles Ambrose

Mr Charles Ambrose won the Best Paper Award at the First International Conference on Business Analytics and Intelligence in the Digital Era which was organised by the Department of Business Analytics of KPR College of Arts, Science and Research, Coimbatore. Over a hundred other pieces of work contributed by other workers in the field were considered for the award which Mr Ambrose won. Mr Ambrose also authored a paper on "A Study on Retail Individual Investors Participation in Indian Stock Market During Covid-19 Pandemic" in the National Conference on Equity Market and Fund Management.

Ms Thejaswini Balaji

Ms Thejaswini authored a paper "All Brain, All Power: A Classic Exemplar of Quickest and Smartest Electric Scooters - Case Based on Learning on Ather Energy" in the World Journal of Management and Economics, 2022.

Ms Immaculate Mary A

Ms Immaculate authored a paper on "ICT - the Catalyst in the Teaching Learning Process - A Teacher's Perspective" in the Journal of Human Rights, 2022.

Ms Princy Nisha

Ms Princy authored a paper on "A Study on Retail Individual Investors Participation in Indian Stock Market During Covid-19 Pandemic" in the National Conference on Equity Market and Fund Management, 2022.

Dr Amudhan S

Dr Amudhan was invited to be a resource person on Data Analysis Using SPSS at the Sri Bhagawan Mahaveer Jain Evening College, Bangalore on December 12 and 13, 2022. He also authored a paper on "An Empirical Approach to the Market Efficiency that Influences Indian Investors" in the Specialized Ugdyan/ Special Education 2022. His subsequent

publication in 2022 was "Impact Of Entrepreneurship In The Digital Age: A Business Model On Structural Equation Modeling Approach" in the Chinese Journal Of Medical Genetics.

Dr Preethi Sarah

Dr Preethi Sarah defended her thesis titled "Challenges and Resilience of Transgender Entrepreneurs" on January 18, 2023, and was awarded her doctorate from Christ (Deemed to be University) under the guidance of Dr Karthgai Prakasam.

Dr Ahana Ruth Pinto

Dr Ahana Ruth Pinto defended her thesis titled "Impact of Employee Engagement as a Tool to Reduce Job Hopping among Working Women in Karnataka" under the guidance of Dr Shubhra Rahul from Jnana Bharathi Bangalore University.

Ms Raj Kiran

Ms Raj Kiran C A was a member of the organizing committee for an event held from 3-9, February 2023 at NSS Bhavana, Mysuru.

Ms Grace Prerana

Ms Grace Prerana was invited to deliver a guest lecture on February 20, 2023 at Loyola Degree College.

Ms Teena Maria Rani

Ms Teena Maria Rani was also invited to deliver a guest lecture on February 20, 2023 at Loyola Degree College.

Dr Padma Nandan Kariott had a series of notable achievements and contributions:

Dr Padma Nandan Kariott participated in the Refresher Course in Curriculum Design and Assessment for Teachers of Social Science conducted by the UGC - Human Resource Development Centre from February 15-28, 2023, and received an impressive grade of A+. She authored an article titled "CBDC: An Indian Perspective" which was published in the South India Journal of Social Sciences. She was recognized and appreciated for her valuable contributions as a judge at the International Conference 2023 on 'Shared Value Creation in the context of Sustainability - Strategies, Challenges and Opportunities'. This event was organized by the Department of Commerce at Christ University in collaboration with IMA and CISI, from March 9-10, 2023.

Ms Litty Joseph

Ms Litty Joseph participated in a 5-day

Faculty Development Programme cum Workshop centered around Digital Pedagogy from March 11-15, 2023.

Dr Sayantani Banerjee

Dr Sayantani Banerjee participated in the Refresher Course in Curriculum Design and Assessment for Teachers of Social Science, conducted by the UGC - Human Resource Development Centre, from February 15-28, 2023, and earned A grade. She participated and presented a paper titled "Alternative pricing structure for agricultural products" at Utkarsh, an International Conference on Business Transformation: Best practices, lessons learned, and future priorities. This conference was organized by St Joseph's Institute of Management, Bangalore, February 17-18, 2023.

Mr Satyanarayana R

Mr Satyanarayana R participated in the Refresher Course in Curriculum Design and Assessment for Teachers of Social Science, a programme conducted by the UGC - Human Resource Development Centre from February 15-28, 2023, and achieved A grade.

Students Achievements

Cultural

Ashvin S and Pragathi Loganathan of final year BBA A section secured 2nd place in Travel Expo, Battle Royale event organised by SJCC on November 5, 2022.

Paper Presentation

Kushal M of III BBA A presented a Kannada paper in the national level seminar organised by St Joseph's University on June 23, 2022.

Sharan Saji Mathew and Kushal M, Gireeshma Y and Ayushi H Rao, Shashank S Bathija and Syeda Bushra Ahmed, Meghana Machireddy and Abdul Sahil, Neha Jain and Roshni Chhawchharia, Pallavi A Kuttipravan and Pragathi Loganathan, Tanisha Khatri and Shonali Soni, Devanksh K C, Manya Sharma and Sankarshana B P of III BBA A section presented papers in the national level seminar on Unlocking Innovations in Business for Industry 4.0 organised by St Joseph's University on July 7, 2022.

Maria Cynthia and Sam Godwyn, Karthik and Karthick R V, and Nikitha and S B Franklin of II MCOM presented papers at the international conference named Green HRM for Sustainable Development

organised by KSR College of Arts and Science for Women on October 27, 2022.

Publications

Niranjana HN of II MCOM published a research paper in the national-level e-conference organised by RV Institute of Management on June 15, 2022.

SCHOOL OF CHEMICAL SCIENCES

Department of Biochemistry

Student Achievements

Justin Dominic Ayo Akura of 21BBZ successfully completed a certificate course titled Fundamentals of Law offered by St Joseph's College of Law, Bengaluru from January 3 to 5, 2023.

Justin Dominic Ayo Akura of 21BBZ participated in the International Webinar on Varanids organized by the Department of Zoology, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.



Biochemical Society

Talks and Events

The Journal Club of the Biochemical Society was relaunched for the year 2022-2023. Dr Sunita D'Souza presented a talk titled How to Read a Scientific Paper in De Nobili Hall on January 21, 2023.

Chemictionary, a pictictionary game, was organized on February 14, 2023, by the Biochemical Society. The students participated enthusiastically and enhanced their knowledge.

On March 3, 2023, an entrepreneurial workshop in Tumakuru was held. Around 15 students from the Department were accompanied by Dr Sandra Misquith, Head of the Department of Biochemistry for an entrepreneurship workshop organized in Tumakuru by Dr Anup Chandra Kanth, CEO and Production Head, India Fine Chemicals Ltd, Hirehalli, Tumkur. Students were selected based on their interests and calibre. The feedback from the participants was overwhelmingly positive and they thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.

Department of Chemistry



Staff Achievements

Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas

The most-cited author at St Joseph's University in 2022. Published eight papers in 2022.

Workshops and Training Programmes Attended

Dr Mascarenhas was a member of the Organizing Committee of an international conference 'Electrochemistry for Industry, Health and Environment (EIHE 2023)' organized by the Analytical Chemistry Division, Chemistry Group Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Trombay, in association with the Indian Society for Electroanalytical Chemistry from Feb 7 to 11, 2023.

Awards

Manasa G, PhD student under Dr Mascarenhas, was awarded the Encouragement Prize by the Indian Society of Analytical Scientists for oral presentation in 2022.

Dr Libi Thomas

Workshops Attended

Attended an online workshop titled Interpretation of Instrumental Methods under 'WIIM 2023' organized by Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed to be University), Tamil Nadu from January 2 to 6, 2023.

Dr Joyce Queeny D'Souza

Workshops and Training Programmes Attended

Attended a talk titled Swami Vivekananda: The Maker of Modern India on January 21, 2022, organised by the Economics Forum, Department of Economics, St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

Organised and participated in a one-day international webinar titled Recent Trends in Photochemistry under the Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's College (Autonomous) on May 14, 2022.

Participated in the 'International Conference on Chemical Sciences: Academia, Industry & Society Interface (ICCS 2022)' jointly organized by the Department of Chemistry, Post Graduate Centre, Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), Bangalore and Karnataka Science and Technology Academy, Department Of Science And Technology, Government Of Karnataka from June 23 to 25, 2022.

Attended a workshop titled SJU's Milestones Towards Research and Publications organised by St Joseph's University on August 22, 2022.

Was a Resource Person in Chemistry at the RBPT Workshop at Newman College, Thodupuzha from August 29 to 31, 2022.

Attended JESCOL-III, a residential programme at Mount St Joseph from September 2 to 6, 2022.

Participated in a lecture-cum-discussion

programme on credible research publications organised by St Joseph's University on October 14, 2022.

Attended a workshop titled Maintenance of Stock Register under the resource person Mr TV Vedavyasa on November 09, 2022.

Was a Resource Person for the UG and PG Igniters session from January 16 to 23, 2023.

Attended 'The Chemical Society Lecture Series' organized by the Department of Postgraduate Studies in Chemistry, Bangalore City University on January 24, 2023.

Ms Christine Elizabeth Nigli

Workshops and Training Programmes Attended

Completed a four-week SWAYAM MOOC titled Advanced Instructional Methods from July 29 to September 12, 2022.

Participated in a one-day international webinar titled Recent Trends in Photochemistry organised by the Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's College (Autonomous) on May 14, 2022.

Participated in a lecture-cum-discussion programme on credible research publications organized by St Joseph's University on October 14, 2022.

Attended an FDP on the Five Learning Disciplines organized by St Joseph's University on July 12 and 13, 2022.

Attended an FDP titled Digital Pedagogies for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals in Education from October 06 to 10, 2022 jointly organized by the All India Association for Christian Higher Education, New Delhi and Lady Doak College (Autonomous), Madurai, Tamil Nadu'.

Dr Nalini Sundaram

Workshops and Training Programmes Attended

Was invited to a focus group meeting on Gender Diversity in Chemical Sciences held at IISc Bangalore, organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry in collaboration with the Chemical Research Society of India on June 29, 2022.

Accompanied final year MSc Chemistry students to an outreach programme at Sindagi from August 24 to 28, 2022.

Dr Debashis Ghosh

Publications

S Arunkumar, Debashis Ghosh and George Rajendra Kumar, "Heavy main group element containing organometallic phosphorescent materials," Results in Chemistry, June 2022

Debashis Ghosh, Sumit Ghosh, Anogh Ghosh, Pranjal Pyne, Souvik Majumder and Alakananda Hajra, "Visible light induced functionalization of indazole and pyrazole: A recent update," Chemical Communications, 2022, 58, 4435-4455

Book Chapters

Sumit Ghosh, Debashis Ghosh and Alakananda Hajra, "Zwitterionic imidazolium salt: an effective green organocatalyst in synthetic chemistry," Chapter 12, DOI: 10.1515/9783110732542-012, ISBN: 9783110732542. Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG. 2022.

Dr Vinutha V Salian

Workshops and Training Programmes Attended

Was invited as External BOE Member on September 20, 2022, at BMS College for Women, Bangalore.

Was invited as External Practical Examiner of UG and PG Chemistry courses on September 6, December 2 and 6, 2022 at Garden City University, Bangalore.

Dr Pramod K M

Workshops and Training Programmes Attended

Accompanied final year MSc Chemistry students to an outreach programme at Zindagi from August 24 to 28, 2022.

Mr Tobin Varkey Simson

Workshops and Training Programmes Attended

Attended a national-level intercollegiate

fest Analyst 2022, on June 08, 2022, organised by the Department of Postgraduate Studies and Research in Chemistry, St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangalore.

Was invited as External Practical Examiner of UG and PG Chemistry courses at Garden City University, Bangalore on August 26, December 05 and 12, 2022.

Dr Cisy Abraham

Workshops and Training Programmes Attended

Attended an FDP on the Five Learning Disciplines organized by St Joseph's University on July 12 and 13, 2022.

Participated in a lecture-cum-discussion programme on credible research publications organized by St Joseph's University on October 13, 2022.

Attended the Induction programme for new faculty of the University from October 10 to 15, 2022.

Attended the JESCOL program by the Bangalore Jesuit Education Society, Bengaluru, from December 08 to 10, 2022.

Attended the first National workshop on Computational Chemistry of Materials Molecules, Solids, Nanoparticles and Biological Activity by the Centre for Advanced Computational Chemistry Studies, Delhi from July 04 to 10, 2022.

Attended an FDP on the Nuances of Scientific Writing and Publishing organised by the All India Association for Christian Higher Education, New Delhi from July 11 to 19, 2022.

Dr Reena Saritha Serrao

Workshops and Training Programmes Attended

Attended an FDP titled Nuances of Scientific Writing and Publishing from July 11 to 19, 2022 jointly conducted by All India Association for Christian Higher Education, New Delhi and Madras Christian College (Autonomous), Chennai.

Participated in a lecture-cum-discussion programme on credible research publications organized by St Joseph's University on October 14, 2022.

Attended an FDP titled Digital Pedagogies for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals in Education from October 06 to 10, 2022 jointly organized by All India Association for Christian Higher Education, New Delhi and Lady Doak College (Autonomous), Madurai, Tamil Nadu.

Attended the Induction Programme on Jesuit Ethos, Teaching, Learning, and Classroom Management for new faculty of the University organized by the Center for FDP held from October 10 to 15, 2022.

Workshop on Professional Skill Development

The Department of Chemistry organized a two-day workshop focused on Professional Skill Development on March 7 and 8, 2023. The workshop was dedicated exclusively to the outgoing batch of MSc students pursuing Analytical and Organic Chemistry.

The event commenced with an invocation of the Almighty, then proceeded to feature opening addresses by Dr Libi Thomas, Dean of the School of Chemical Sciences and Dr Joyce D'Souza, PG Coordinator, Department of Chemistry, paving the way for the workshop to commence. The workshop consisted of six sessions, with four on the first day and two on the second day. Day 1 saw the following sessions— 'Career guidance and future prospects' by Dr Karunanidhi Gnanavelu, Anthem Biosciences, 'Profile Rounding and Skill Distribution' by Ms Afreen Fatima Mody, Accenture Operations, 'Interview Skills and Essentials' by Col (Retd) K C Menon, St Joseph's University, and 'Workplace Behaviour, Etiquette & Stress Management' by Dr Stephen Babu, St Joseph's University. Day 2 saw the following sessions— 'Professional Writing and Communication' and 'CV, Resume and Portfolio Composition' by Dr Cheriyan Alexander, St Joseph's University.

The workshop concluded with a closing address by Dr Shobha SV, Former Dean of the School of Chemical Sciences. The workshop proved to be relevant for the outgoing batch and was appreciated by students. The event was moderated by the tireless efforts of the Department, under the supervision of the Dean, the PG Coordinator, and Dr Nalini G Sundaram, Head of the Department of Chemistry.

Industrial Visit

In a collaborative effort between the Department of Chemistry and Merck India, a one-day visit to the Merck Group at Jigani, Electronic City, Bengaluru was organized on March 13, 2023, exclusively for II MSc Chemistry students. The event aimed to empower and encourage female students in science and technology. Accompanied by Dr Rita Pal and Dr Suhas DP, Assistant Professors from the Department of Chemistry, a group of 25 female students embarked on this enlightening journey.

Upon arrival, the students were warmly welcomed by Ms Devika Krishnan, the University Relations Coordinator at Merck India. She provided them with an insightful overview of the site, setting the stage for the day's activities. Subsequently, the students were treated to presentations from key department heads, including Mr Shiv Kumar, Head of HR, and Mr Rohit Kumar, Head of Oligo Synthesis and Production Lab. To further inspire and motivate the students, they engaged in an interactive Q&A session with influential women from Merck, who shared their personal journeys in the chemical industry.

Eager to explore the inner workings of the industry, the students embarked on an educational tour guided by Mr Ravi. Their first stop was the Oligo Lab, where they witnessed the synthesis of oligo using the demethylation method. They learned about the purification process utilizing HPLC/electrophoresis, quality control (QC) measures, and the packaging of oligonucleotides and various biochemical compounds.

Continuing their educational journey, the students visited the Analytical and Quality Control Labs. Here, they received comprehensive explanations of the procedures necessary for conducting QC checks using instruments such as HPLC-MS, LCMS, ICP, and NMR spectroscopy. In the Recombinant DNA Technology Lab, they were exposed to various tools and appliances employed in experiments, broadening their understanding of the field.

The students were then granted access to the Research and Development Labs, where they witnessed state-of-the-art detection and developmental apparatus used in chemical production. They observed the intricate processes involved in creating chemicals and solutions,

gaining valuable insights into the innovative practices of the industry.

Following a short break, the students were introduced to the Chemical Synthesis Lab, where they were acquainted with bioreactors utilized in the manufacturing of chemical solutions. They were given a firsthand look at the storage, packaging, and delivery procedures, and learned about the specific protocols tailored to different products. The visit concluded with a visit to the Waste Treatment Facility, where the students received guidance on effective effluent management practices.

To cap off this enriching experience, the students engaged in a brief interaction with Mr Dhananjay Singh, Head of Science and Lab Solutions at Merck India, and Mr Pankaj Joshi, Director of Commercial Marketing at Merck India. Their valuable insights further enhanced the students' understanding of the industry and its future prospects.

This insightful visit to the Merck Group not only provided the students with a memorable experience but also served as a catalyst for inspiring women in science. The collaboration between the Department of Chemistry and Merck India exemplifies the commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive scientific community, where female students are encouraged to pursue their passion and excel in the field.

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Department of Mathematics

ABACUS Association

The ABACUS Association held its inaugural ceremony on January 10, 2023. During the event, the President introduced the Association to the audience in a warm welcome speech. The Head of Social Media followed with an introduction that emphasised the significance of mathematics and highlighted how ABACUS would provide a platform for math enthusiasts. A special badging ceremony was conducted by the chief guest, Mr John Binze, who is the Head of the Department of Mathematics. The General Secretary then addressed the audience, outlining the Association's plans and upcoming events, which

included the intra-collegiate math fest Ad Infinitum, as well as monthly lectures and weekly activities like Puzzle Solving and Poster Making. In his address, Mr Binze stressed the importance of mathematics and expressed ABACUS's mission to ignite a passion for the subject among college students. Dr Raisa D'Souza, the PG Coordinator from the Department of Mathematics, spoke about dispelling the fear of mathematics. The Vice President delivered the vote of thanks, concluding the ceremony on a positive note. The event left a lasting impact on the students, inspiring them to pursue their interest in mathematics.

UPSHOT Program

The ABACUS Association launched the UPSHOT program, which showcases monthly lectures delivered by esteemed professors. The inaugural session took place on January 28, 2023, at De Nobili Hall, featuring Dr Divakaran D from Azim Premji University as the guest lecturer. During his presentation, Dr Divakaran explored the concept of continuity, both as an intuitive and counterintuitive idea, delving into local and global perspectives of this mathematical concept. He provided a proof for the local definition of continuity and shared five key insights related to the concept. Following the lecture, there was an interactive open discussion and a Q&A session. The UPSHOT program offers students an excellent opportunity to learn from distinguished professors and enhance their understanding of mathematics.

Staff Achievements

The following are the achievements of the staff from the Department of Mathematics and have been validated by the members of the department.

Ms Mohammed Ayesha

Attended a two-day workshop on Computational Techniques in Fluid Dynamics organised by the Department of Mathematics, Bengaluru City University, Central College campus on January 24 and 25, 2023.

Ms Champakumari M

Attended a two-day workshop on Computational Techniques in Fluid Dynamics organised by the Department of Mathematics, Bengaluru City University, Central College campus, Bengaluru on January 24 and 25, 2023.

Dr Daisy Singh

Published a paper "T - Laceability In Hierarchical Hypercube Graphs".

Authors: R. A. Daisy Singh and Leena N. Shenoy.

Name of the Journal: Advances and Applications in Mathematical Sciences Volume 21,

Published a paper "Laceability In Interleavers Of $C(2n + 1, 1, R)$ ".

Authors: R. A. Daisy Singh and Leena N. Shenoy.

Name of the Journal: South East Asian J. of Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences

Mr Jesse P Francis

Invited Talks

Resource Person for an Expert Talk titled Statistical Tools Using Excel and Latex Software for Project Preparation, organised by Bishop Moore College, Mavelikkara, Assumption College, Changanacherry, St Joseph's College for Women, Alappuzha, and St Stephen's College, Pathanapuram on March 24, 2023.

Books: Co-author, CSIR-NET General Aptitude - A New Outlook (7th Ed Reprint) with Christy Varghese, ISBN: 9788192291109, Published in India by Lilly Publishers, Changanacherry and globally by Scientific Publishers, Jodhpur.

Membership: Lifetime member of the Mathematics Teachers' Association (India)

Department of Physics

Awards and Honors

Dr G Vignesh, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics received the Best Paper Award in the 66th DAE Solid State Physics Symposium held at Birla Institute of Technology, Mersa, Ranchi, India from December 18 to 22, 2022.

Other Contributions

Dr G Vignesh, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics facilitated as a Judge for Scholarch 2022 in the academic fest of St Joseph's College, Bangalore.

Student Activity Coordinated

International Physicists' Tournament 2023 - National selection was coordinated during November and December 2022 by Dr G Vignesh, Assistant Professor,

Department of Physics for BSc students of the University.

Program Organised by the Department

A guest lecture program has been organised called Fantastic Maths and Where to Find It? on November 25, 2022, given by Mr Jesse P Francis, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, organised by Dr G Vignesh, Coordinator, Physics Students Association (PSA).

A webinar titled A Short Journey in the Particle Universe on November 10, 2022, was given by Dr R Thiru Senthil, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The event was organised by Dr G Vignesh as part of the Research Colloquium, PSA.

International Journals Publication

"Green Synthesis of Carboxymethyl Chitosan based curcumin nanoparticles and its biological activity: Influence of size and conductivity" J. Kabiriyel, R. Jeyanthi, K. Jayakumar, Augustine Amalraj, P. Arjun, A. Shanmugarathinam, G. Vignesh and C. Rajamohan, Carbohydrate Polymer Technologies and Applications 5 (2023) 100260

International Journals Communicated

The influence of screening function on exciton mott transition in an asymmetric double quantum well, P. Nithiananthi and G. Vignesh, Micro and Nanostructures (submitted revision)

Theoretical Study on the Influence of Geometry and Laser Field on Semiconductor to Metal Transition in a Quantum Wire, G. Vignesh et al, Journal of Mathematical Chemistry (Communicated).

Hierarchical Cu_4SnS_6 Nanoflowers Supported by MWCNT can accomplish everything: Supercapacitors, Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells and Water Splitting, G. Vignesh et al. Electro Chemica Acta (Communicated).

Effect of confinement potential on interband transition energy of excitons, P. Nithiananthi and G. Vignesh, AIP Conference Proceedings. (Communicated)

Faculty Achievements

Dr Jayarama Reddy

Delivered a talk in the St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu on December 16, 2022.

Dr Neelam Mishra

Published book chapters

Co-wrote "Microbial Symbionts Functions and Molecular Interactions on Host" In Dhanasekaran Dharumadurai (Ed) Symbiotic cyanobacteria in gymnosperms with N Rakesh

Dr N Praveen Kumar

Published a Research article in Web of Science/ Clarivate indexed journal along with Dr Stephen A of Botany Department, i.e. Nagadesi P K, and Stephen A (2022) Mycochemicals and Antidiabetic Activity Of Lignicolous Fungi – A Critical Review. *Bionature*, 42 (1): 13-30.

Published a Research article in Web of Science/ Clarivate indexed journal along with IIIrd year BSc CBZ students Mr Dilip Hegde and Mr Shunish Mahantheshappa i.e. Hegde D, Mahantheshappa S, Reddy J, Nagadesi PK (2022) titled "Soil Microflora in Rhizosphere of *Barringtonia racemosa* (L.) Spreng and *Rauwolfia serpentina* (L.) Benth. ex Kurz from Western Ghats region of Uttara Kannada, Karnataka"

Published a Book chapter in Springer, "Selective and Simultaneous Delignification Capacity of Wood Decay Fungus *Trametes pini* in *Tectona grandis* L. f. and *Terminalia crenulata* (Heyne) Roth. In: Arya A., Rusevska K. (eds) *Biology, Cultivation and Applications of Mushrooms*."

Dr Lokesh Ravi

Published Following Research Articles:

Co-wrote an article with Leonard Barnabas Ebinezer, Iliaria Battistia, Nisha Sharma, Laura Ravazzolo, Anna Rita Trentina, Giuseppe Barion, Anna Panozzo, Stefano Dall'Acqua, Teofilo Vameralli, Silvia Quaggiotti, Giorgio Arrigoni, Antonio Masi (2022) titled "Perfluorinated alkyl substances affect the growth, physiology and root proteome of hydroponically grown maize plants. *Journal of Hazardous Materials*".

Co-wrote an article with Reji Manjunathan, Vijayalakshmi Periyaswami, Kartik Mitra,

Arokiaraj Sherlin Rosita, Medha Pandya, Jayaraman Selvaraj, Nalini Devarajan, Mukesh Doble titled "Molecular docking analysis reveals the functional inhibitory effect of Genistein and Quercetin"

Co-wrote an article with Jeyakanthan J, Kannabiran Krishnan (2020) titled "Targeting VEGFR2 protein by marine *Streptomyces* sp. derived compound BECA: An in-vitro and in-silico analysis" in the *Journal of Basic Microbiology*.

Co-wrote an article with Kavitha S, Vimala R (2022) titled "Extraction, purification and structural elucidation of environmentally benign antifouling metabolite from *Streptomyces thermolineatus* VITKV6A" in *Environmental Technology & Innovation*. Co-wrote an article with BK Anirudh Sreenivas, GR Shree Kumari and O Archana (2022) titled "Anticancer cytotoxicity and antifungal abilities of green-synthesized cobalt hydroxide (Co(OH)₂) nanoparticles using *Lantana camara* L" in *Beni-Suef University Journal of Basic and Applied Sciences*.

Co-wrote an article with Kesavan MP, Balachandran C, Thangadurai TD, Aoki S, Webster TJ, Rajesh J (2022) titled "Promising anticancer activity with high selectivity of DNA/plasma protein targeting new phthalazin-1 (2H)-one heterocyclic scaffolds" in *Journal of Molecular Structure*.

Girish Shabari, Lokesh Ravi and Krishnan Kannabiran (2022) wrote Bioprospecting of actinomycetes for anti-bacterial potential in *A Review. Research Journal of Biotechnology*.

Co-wrote an article with Ratul Bhowmik, Shubham Roy, Sounok Sengupta(2022) titled "Computer aided drug design of florfenicol to target chloramphenicol acetyltransferase of vibriosis causing pathogens" in *Journal of Applied Biology & Biotechnology*.

Resource-Person on topic "The Microfactories: Microbial production of Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals" on 17.09.2022 for International Microorganisms Day, organized by Microbiologist Society of India; Auxilium College (Autonomous) Vellore, Tamil Nadu.

Dr Martin Paul A

Published Book chapters

Co-wrote an article with Jayanthi D, Sebastian L (2023) titled "Primary and Secondary Endosymbionts aphid: *Buchnera* sps. Dhanasekaran Dharumadurai (ed)" In *Developments in Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology, Microbial Symbionts*, Academic Press.

Co-wrote an article with Malavika S, Kranthi S, Shishira Rao HS, Moily SS (2022), "Isolation of Gut Actinobacteria from Termites". In: Dharumadurai D. (eds) in *Methods in Actinobacteriology*. Co-wrote an article with Thejaswini S, Jojy S, Vijayan A (2022), "Isolation of Gut Actinobacteria from Fishes" in: Dharumadurai D. (eds) *Methods in Actinobacteriology*.

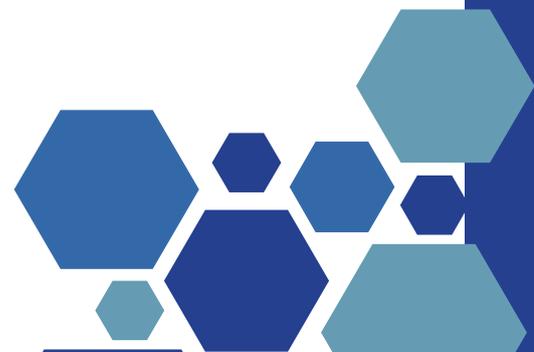
Co-wrote an article with Jayanthi D, Sebastian L (2022), "Isolation of Endophytic Actinobacteria from Flowers, Fruits, and Seeds of Higher Plants". in: Dharumadurai D. (eds) *Methods in Actinobacteriology*. Springer Protocols Handbooks.

Co-wrote an article with Jayanthi D (2022), "Isolation of Halophilic Actinobacteria from Different Habitats" in: Dharumadurai D. (eds) *Methods in Actinobacteriology*.

Co-wrote an article with Sebastian L, Paul AM, Jayanthi D (2022) "Isolation and Production of Prodigiosin Pigments from *Streptomyces* spp" in: Dharumadurai D. (eds) *Methods in Actinobacteriology*.

Student Achievements

Tarushi Vikram - Student of I year BZ bearing register number 222BZ15 took part in multiple motorsport championships. In the MRF MMSC FMSCI National Saloon Car Racing Championship held in Chennai she placed 12th in the overall championship and 3rd in the Ladies' Championship. Tarushi also took part in the Dirt Prix Autocross which took part on the January 15, 2023, at Mountain View School, Chikmagalur. She finished 1st in the Ladies' Open, 3rd in the Pro stock 3 up to 2000CC and 5th in the Pro stock 2: up to 1650CC.



Association Activities

Botanical Society

On October 1, 2022, the Botanical Society arranged a debut lecture featuring Mr. Hemantha Naik, a Freelance Conservationist, Consultant, and recipient of the 'Guinness World Record' for his remarkable contributions to Science and Technology. The esteemed guest for the event was Dr Ravikumar K, an Emeritus Professor from the Centre for Conservation of Natural Resources at Transdisciplinary University, Bengaluru. On November 23, 2022, the Botanical Society arranged a guest talk, which featured Dr Sanjeeva Nayaka, the Principal Scientist from the Plant Diversity, Systematics, and Herbarium Division at the National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI) located in Lucknow, India.

Carnation 2023

The second-year MSc Botany students embarked on a four-day Botanical study tour to Wayanad, Kerala, from November 3 to 6, 2022. During the tour, they were exposed to the diverse vegetation and ecology of the Western Ghats, as well as the native flora found in the region. Additionally, they learned about the monoculture practices of Tea, coffee, and cocoa plantations. Several visits were organized to key locations such as the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation botanical garden, Community Agrobiodiversity Center, Gurukula Botanical Sanctuary, Wayanad Social Service Society (WSSS) herbarium, and medicinal garden.

Throughout the tour, the students received training in plant identification, various techniques of plant processing, and the digital documentation of flora. As a result of this enriching experience, the students were required to submit their field notebooks, study tour reports, and both physical and digital herbaria during their practical examination.

Similarly, the first-year MSc Botany students were taken on a Botanical Excursion to Coorg from October 28 to 31, 2022. This excursion provided them with valuable exposure to the abundant biodiversity of the Western Ghats. The students had the opportunity to observe and study various fungi, algae, bryophytes, pteridophytes, and angiosperms in their natural habitats.

During the excursion, the students received training in specimen collection,

processing, and digital documentation. The itinerary included visits to significant sites such as the Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary, Balamuri falls, Poovaiyah estate (a location rich in plant diversity and where they stayed), the timber yard in Anekaadu, Chiklihole Dam, Central Horticultural Experiment Station (CHES) in Chettahalli, Raja Seat in Madikeri, Talakaveri, Bagamandala, Namdroling Monastery Golden Temple, Harangi reservoir, and the Elephant camp.

Both study tours provided the students with valuable and informative experiences, enriching their understanding of botany and the ecological wonders of these regions.

Phyto Talks

On October 29, 2022, the Department of Botany, in partnership with the Study Circle for Life Sciences – an initiative led by Mr. Emeritus J Ramakrishna, a former Professor from the Department of Physics at IISc, organized an event called "Phyto Talks." During the event, Dr HG Nagendra, the Head of Biotechnology at Sir M Visveswaraya Institute of Technology, delivered a talk titled "Computational Screening of Phytochemicals as Potential Therapeutics Towards Drug Discovery and Development." Additionally, Dr U V Babu, who serves as the Head of Research and Development at Himalaya Wellness Company in Bengaluru, gave a presentation on "Exploring Traditional Knowledge as Alternative Medicine: The Potential Research Opportunities for Young Professionals."

CMCB Association Activities

CMCB Inauguration

The CMCB association was inaugurated on September 22, 2022, at the Faber Hall Auditorium, St Joseph's University. The event featured esteemed Resource Persons, including Dr Praveen N, an Associate Professor from the Life Sciences department at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), and Dr Vijay Kumar Ranka, the Managing Director of Focelite Goodness India Pvt. Ltd. The lectures provided valuable insights into the latest trending research topics, with both industrial and academic expertise being shared. Over 50 students participated in the event and greatly benefited from the knowledge imparted during the lectures.

CMCB Refreshers

Pot Painting was conducted on September 8, 2022 at the Green House, PG Campus, St Joseph's University. More than 30 Volunteers had participated and painted the entire Green House and Plant Pots. The participants learned painting and planting techniques.

CMCB "QriuzBeez 22"

CMCB "QriuzBeez 22" was conducted on November 2, 2022 at the Auditorium, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. It was an inter-collegiate fest organized to promote science and cultural activities within PUC & Degree students. More than 520+ students from 25 different institutions (colleges & universities) had participated in 10 different cultural and educational events.

Department of Environmental Science

The Department of Environmental Science curated a comprehensive series of guest lectures and events, covering diverse topics. On August 30, 2022, Dr Gopa Kumar delivered a lecture focusing on otter conservation. Subsequently, on September 3, 2022, Dr Larence Surendra discussed the measurement of ecological footprint and carbon footprint. Later, on September 16, 2022, Dr Mohan explored the applications of nanotechnology in environmental contexts. On October 7, 2022, the department hosted two speakers: Dr Shivakanan, who presented on AI Data Science, and Mr Karthikeyan, who discussed the biodiversity of India. Lastly, on November 19, 2022, Ms Bhavya addressed the topic of sustainability. These guest lectures and events provided invaluable insights and knowledge to both the students and participants in the Department of Environmental Science.

Moreover, the department organized several enriching field trips on various dates and to different locations. Specifically, on September 19, 2022, a trip was organized to the IMD Indian Meteorological department. On September 24, 2022, participants visited the Centre for Sustainable Development. On September 29, 2022, an engaging visit took place at the Visvesvaraya Museum. Lastly, on October 2, 2022, a field trip was arranged to Bhoomi College. These field trips further enhanced the students' understanding of environmental science through practical experiences and real-world observations.

Department of Food Science and Technology

Staff Achievements

Dr Anupriya Mazumder completed a five day International SERB sponsored workshop on Sustainable Disruptive Technology in Agri Sector for Processing and Preservation hosted by the National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, Odisha from July 11 to 15, 2022. She was also invited as a resource person to deliver a lecture on Valorization of Food Waste at the Agricultural and Food Engineering Department of IIT Kharagpur on June 20, 2022.

Dr Mohan Kumar completed a Master's Certificate Course in Diabetic Pharmacotherapy conducted by the Geethanjali Institute of Pharmacy, Geethanjali University, Udaipur. The course was held from February of 2022 to June of 2022. He also completed a two-day workshop on Recent Advances in Life Sciences organised by the Department of Botany at Davanagere University on September 13 and 14, 2022.

Food Miles Association

To commemorate World Food Day, an inter-collegiate event called 'Edesia'22' was conducted on October 29, 2022, at the PG Block of St Joseph's University in Bangalore. The department conducted a fun-filled food fest with six stalls and seven events during the festival. The stalls featured a variety of educational and entertaining activities, including 'Astro Galley' and 'Food Detectives,' which elaborated on space food and displayed various strategies for identifying a wide range of contaminated food products. The festival was a big success, with a large turnout of students from both the university and neighbouring colleges.

On November 26, 2022, St Joseph's University's Department of Food Science and Technology's association "Food Miles" celebrated National Milk Day. The occasion included lectures from academic members, including Dr Mohan Kumar S, who spoke about Dr Kurien's life and accomplishments and showed a film of his work. Students interested in food science and technology were brought together at Food Miles Association events to learn, engage, and celebrate food.

Department of Microbiology

Student Achievements

UG

Mr Ashwin Joshy, the MCB student, is the best player in the world in Honkai Impact and has been accepted by the University of Birmingham, UK, for an MSc in Health Science.

PG

Ms Apoorva Dayanand (18MIC03), roll number KK0402330191, has secured the 207th rank in the Joint CSIR-UGC NET, June 2022, and is eligible for JRF.

Mr Sumeru Sugata Raju, 21MIC04, Roll Number KK0404430040 has secured 112th rank in Joint CSIR-UGC NET, June 2022, and is eligible for JRF.

Staff Achievements

Dr Syed Wajeed

Dr Syed Wajeed who served as the resource person for the NAAC-sponsored national seminar on "Implementation of NEP in Higher Education Institutions," organized by St Teresa's College (Autonomous), Ernakulum on January 18, 2023, addressed the topic of the session, which focused on the challenges in the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

National Seminar

Frontiers In Immunology- Engaging Minds and Hearts

The Department of Microbiology, in collaboration with DpN Lab from the Department of Biochemistry at IISc, Bengaluru, and with the support of the Indian Immunology Society, New Delhi, organised a National Seminar titled "Frontiers in Microbiology - Engaging Minds and Hearts" on April 29, 2023, coinciding with the International Immunology Day.

During the seminar, several esteemed speakers from various fields of immunology shared their insights. Dr Dipankar Nandi, Professor from the Department of Biochemistry, IISc, Bengaluru, delivered the keynote address, emphasising the importance of making immunology knowledge

accessible to everyone. Dr Sudha Kumari, Assistant Professor from the Department of Microbiology and Cell Biology, IISc, Bengaluru, discussed immunosurveillance as a cellular 'handshake.' The third speaker, Ms Prerana M, a PhD student under Dr Kushagra Bansal from the Molecular Biology and Genetics Unit at JNCASR, Bengaluru, focused on the development of T-cells in the thymus.

Dr Debabrata Laha, Assistant Professor from the Department of Biochemistry, IISc, Bengaluru, presented the exciting field of immunology in plants, drawing inspiration from his agriculturalist father. Dr Kesav Sannula, Assistant Professor from the Department of Biochemistry, IISc, Bengaluru, covered animal immunity, and Prof. Uday Kumar Ranga from the Molecular Biology and Genetics Unit at JNCASR, Bengaluru, spoke on viruses. The seminar concluded on a lighter note with a witty and informative talk by Dr Sandeep Eswarappa, Associate Professor from the Department of Biochemistry, IISc, Bengaluru.

The seminar witnessed the participation of approximately 200 delegates from about 15 colleges and universities. It was jointly convened by Dr Syed Wajeed, Associate Professor from the Department of Microbiology at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, and Dr Dipankar Nandi, Professor from the Department of Biochemistry at IISc, Bengaluru.

PG DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY - SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION (ALUMNI MEET)



The Silver Jubilee of the Postgraduate Department of Microbiology at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, was celebrated on May 5, 2023. The alumni meet was held at the university auditorium, and it was graced by the presence of founding members, alumni, faculty members, current staff, and students.

The celebration began with the lighting of the lamp and an invocation song. Dr W Jothy, the Head of the Department, delivered a warm welcome address, extending heartfelt greetings to all attendees. Dr Popy Dutta, the PG Coordinator, shared the department's inception story and its remarkable 25-year journey. Dr Beatrice Sequeira, the Dean of the School of Life Sciences, congratulated the PG department and addressed the gathering.

Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, the Vice-Chancellor of St Joseph's University, graced the event with his presence. In his speech, he emphasized the newfound importance of Microbiology in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. He also highlighted the department's postgraduate course as one of the most sought-after in the city. Fr Swebert D'Silva SJ, in his presidential address, further emphasized the significance of Microbiology and congratulated the department on its milestone.

The highlight of the event was the felicitation of the department's founder members, Dr Betty Daniel, Dr Rajamani S, and Dr Jacob Paul VJ. Their efforts and struggles in establishing the department were recognized and applauded. Dr Betty Daniel shared her memories of St Joseph's and their collective efforts toward the department's development. She also acknowledged the visionary principals, Fr Joseph Nelapathy SJ and Fr Eugene Lobo SJ, along with subsequent principals, for their unwavering support and contributions to the department's growth.

The event included the release of a souvenir, compiled by Dr Vanita NM and the editorial team, which documented the department's history and contained best wishes from management, faculty, and alumni, commemorating the 25 years.

Five alumni speakers from various fields shared their experiences at the department and how it had prepared them for their careers. Dr Ullas Pedmale, an Associate Professor at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York, sent a video message highlighting his journey and the values of perseverance instilled by the department. Mr. Amith Lionel Ananda from Cardolite Speciality Chemicals India, Pvt. Ltd shared his career growth and emphasized the importance of networking. Ms Namrata Lobo, founder of Sweet Hive, Mumbai, encouraged

entrepreneurship, especially among female students, and showcased the advantages of a Microbiology and Food Science degree. Mr Joiston Pereira, Trade Advisor at the British High Commission in India, discussed his unique career choice and emphasized the value of the Josephite network. Dr Srilakshmi, a Post-Doctoral fellow at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, Canada, spoke about her journey at St Joseph's, highlighting character formation, scientific inquiry, and practical coursework.

A cultural program followed, featuring a medley by Ms Sanjana Satheesh and an Indian classical-influenced dance performance by Ms Anusha Ajith Kumar and Ms Malika Mukherjee, both from the II MSc Microbiology.

Ms Shalmali Kamat, from the Department of Microbiology, delivered the Vote of Thanks, concluding the formal events of the alumni meet. Attendees received a souvenir bag, and the event concluded with a sumptuous lunch.

Department of Zoology

Cetaceans webinar

The Josephite Forum for Marine Biology, in collaboration with the Natural Science Association (NSA), organised an international webinar on Cetacean Conservation and Behavior on February 3, 2023. Dr Lori Marino, President and Founder of the WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT, served as the esteemed keynote speaker for the event. The webinar lasted for an hour and a half, followed by a 45-minute interactive session.

A total of 124 participants attended, with 105 from the university and 19 from outside the college. The welcome address was given by Dr M Jayashankar, the teacher coordinator of NSA, Kaushik S, the evening's host, addressed general trivia about cetaceans before introducing the Natural Science Association and the keynote speaker, as presented by President Abhishek Mishra. Mr Allan Britto from the Department of Zoology delivered the final vote of thanks and concluded the webinar.

Dr Lori Marino's captivating talk focused on the challenges faced by captive cetaceans such as bottlenose dolphins, killer whales, and beluga whales. She emphasised the importance of understanding these highly intelligent

mammals' cognitive abilities and the significance of preserving their natural habitats. Dr Marino highlighted the role individuals can play in promoting awareness and preventing exploitation for personal gain.

Rhino Webinar

A webinar on rhino conservation was conducted on February 21, 2023, at 6:15 pm. The event was part of the "Conserving the Threatened" series, initiated by the Natural Science Association (NSA) to raise awareness about critically endangered wildlife. Dr. Rathin Barman expertly presented information on various rhino species worldwide, including those unique to the Asian subcontinent. He shared population figures for wild rhinos and highlighted the crucial conservation efforts undertaken by the Wildlife Department to combat rhino poaching. The talk underscored the essential role of rhinos in maintaining a balanced ecosystem. The webinar, hosted on MS Teams, attracted participants from different universities and states, including research scholars, teachers, and undergraduate and postgraduate students. The event was a success, thanks to the valuable contributions and enthusiastic participation of attendees from across the country..

Competitions

On February 10, 2023, Mount Carmel's College hosted a fest to raise awareness about cervical cancer. Several competitions were organised as part of the event, and students from St Joseph's University (SJU) participated and achieved notable success. The Treasure Hunt was won by Ruqqaiya and Alisha, while Jessica and Joe emerged victorious in the poster making competition. In the quiz, all three top places were secured by groups formed by Shreenidhi and Raman, along with Simran Srivastava and Amrita Nambiar, followed by Sarvesh and Chaitanya Vora, and Maria Taitus and Ritika in the second and third positions, respectively. The fest served as a platform to educate and engage students in raising awareness about cervical cancer, and participants from SJU showcased their talent and commitment by emerging victorious in these competitions.

On February 13, 2023, Christ - Deemed to be University organised Jeevostav, an inter-collegiate fest. SJU students participated with enthusiasm in various competitions and achieved commendable

success. Rooney Mikky Michael won the photography competition, while Himesh (III BBZ) and Sowmitra (III BBZ) claimed victory in the quiz. Priyanka (I CHMB) secured the third position in the quiz. These talented students from SJU showcased their skills and knowledge, making their university proud in the Jeevostav fest organised by Christ - Deemed to be University.

On February 24, 2023, Kristu Jayanti College Autonomous organised BioAura23', an inter-college event conducted by the life science department. SJU students actively participated in multiple competitions and achieved remarkable success. In the Svante's Millionaire (Biopreneur) competition, Maria Taitus, Ritika S, and Selva Priya.S (all from the III CZBT) emerged as winners, while Paul K Raju, Jerin Jijo, and Paul U Sajan (all from the II BCOM) secured the third position. Priyanka S (I CHMB) won the quiz, and Sarvesh Shukla, Chaitanya Vora, and Devaraj (all from the I BBZ) came second, with Rooney Mikky Michael (I BZ) obtaining the third position. These talented students from SJU showcased their knowledge and skills, bringing pride to their university in the BioAura23' event conducted by Kristu Jayanti College Autonomous.

Staff Achievements

Dr Kavya K has successfully completed a one month Faculty Induction Programme from Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education (UGC-HRDC), University of Delhi with A+ grade i.e., 85% and above conducted from January 18, 2023 to February 20, 2023.

Dr Kavya K delivered a talk on Impact of Education in attaining Sustainable Development Goals as a resource person in a Faculty Development Programme conducted by Centre for Continuing Technical Education Karnataka (CCTEK), S. J. (Govt.) Polytechnic, Bengaluru on March 17, 2023.

Department of Biotechnology

On February 11, 2023, the first-year MSc Biotechnology students showcased their research proposals, which they had worked on as part of the Research Methodology and Scientific Writing course, during a Research Symposium. The presented research proposals covered various topics, including Potential

CRISPR-based alternatives to antibiotic treatment, early detection of pneumonia sepsis using miRNA by surface plasmon resonance, a pharmacogenomics approach for predicting drug resistance in Type 2 Diabetes mellitus, the exploration of FHR4 levels as an early indicator of age-related macular degeneration, the investigation of whether copy numbers of specific genes affect aging, and the examination of the effect of nanoplastics on mitochondrial dysfunction in brain cells.

The symposium was evaluated by external examiners, Mr Nitish Dua and Ms Shivangi Verma from NCBS, and Ms Sunita Rajamani from the Department of Chemistry served as the internal examiner.

Visit to InStem and TIGS

On February 28, 2023, an educational visit was organized for first-year MSc Biotechnology students and selected third-year BSc CBBT and CZBT students to InStem (The Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine) to coincide with National Science Day and Rare Disease Day. The visit included a series of four informative talks by scientists from InStem and TIGS (Tata Institute for Genetics and Society), which focused on their organizations' missions and specific research areas. Additionally, the program featured laboratory tours and a visit to the Insectary and Type Collections facility.

Dr Farha Ishtiaq, Principal Scientist at Tata Institute for Genetics and Society (TIGS), commenced the visit with an introduction to National Science Day and its significance. Dr Bhagyashree Kuduskar provided an overview of rare genetic diseases, shedding light on the fact that these disorders affect 1 in 7000 people, with over 70 million patients in India alone. Dr Bhavana Muralidharan discussed research themes undertaken at InStem, introducing the basics of stem cells and explaining their relevance for clinical purposes. Professor Arvind Ramanathan showcased the complexity



of the human body, presenting a chart illustrating human metabolism with thousands of enzymes, substrates, and metabolites.

The students also had the valuable opportunity to visit Dr Bhavana's lab, which proved to be an enriching experience, as well as to tour the Insectary and Type Collections facilities

Staff and Student Achievements

Dr Anthony AJ conducted a model making assignment named 'Virus' for Biotechnology open elective students. Models of various viruses were made by the students. These models were put on display in the Department during the first week of March, 2023.

Nishanth MJ's manuscript was published: Nishanth MJ, Jha S. Computational analysis of crosstalk between transcriptional regulators and RNA-binding proteins suggests mutual regulation of polycomb proteins and SRSF1 influencing adult hippocampal neurogenesis. Discover Mental Health. 2023 Mar 6;3(1):7. DOI: 10.1007/s44192-023-00034-5.

Dr Anthony AJ's manuscript titled "Biosorption and symbiotic potential of horse gram rhizobia in soils contaminated with Cobalt" has been accepted for publication in Current Microbiology, Springer, Clarivate IF: 2.34.

Dr Vereena's manuscript was published with following details: Prabhu KN, Rodrigues V, Kumar A, Kumar M, Srivastava S, Shukla AK, Sundaresan V. Genetic diversity and population structure assessment of *Hellenia speciosa* from Indian agro-ecological regions using inter-simple sequence repeat markers. Horticulture, Environment and Biotechnology 2023 Mar. 31. DOI: 10.1007/s13580-022-00466-y.

Dr Madappa MB was the University nominee for the BOS meeting at the department of Biotechnology, Mount Carmel College.

Dr Susan Mary Philip is a member of the external expert committee at Reva University that assesses PhD scholars' research progress during the Reva university Biannual seminars.

Dr Tejaswini Ronur Praful participated in two-day online CeNSE DBT Nano-



biotechnology Alliance (C-DNA) Familiarization Workshop conducted by Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE), Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore January 23 to 25, 2023.

Dr Debarati Chattopadhyay participated in and completed a one month online Faculty Induction Programme, offered by Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre, Khalsa College, University of Delhi, Under Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT) Scheme of MHRD, Govt of India, from February 25, 2023 to March 27, 2023.

Dr Vereena Rodrigues, Dr Leema and Dr Nirmalya Basu had applied for project grants under DST's 'Start-up Research Grant - SRG' scheme. Dr Vereena's project is titled as 'Yield enhancement and scale-up strategies for the production of vanillin isomer 2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde in root cultures'. Dr Leema's project is titled as 'Sensitizing cancer cells to anoikis via down-regulation of IL1RAP'. Dr Nirmalya's project is titled as 'Cell autonomous immunity: Can somatic cells sense and respond to reinfection?'

Dr Vereena Rodrigues attended

two-day webinar on 'Fermentation: interplay of microbes, immunity and nutrition' organized by North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Meghalaya and Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), DBT, Govt. of India, February 3 to 4, 2023.

Dr Vereena Rodrigues attended the 'Plant Cell Focus Issue' webinar on 'Breeding Crops for Climate Resilience' by the American Society of Plant Biologists on February 22, 2023.

Ryan Pathak (20CBT15) of III CBBT was selected as a delegate to attend the 'Youth Climate Conclave' from February 19 to 21, 2023, organized by TERI, the Delegation of the European Union to India, in partnership with UNICEF, GIZ, TERI and CEEW, with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change as nodal ministry.

Sreya Mandal (21BTY16) and **Teresa Fernandez (21BTY15)** were shortlisted to participate in the Biotechnology Industrial Training Program (BITP)-2023. BITP is a program of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, Biotech Consortium India Limited (BCIL) and is a scheme that offers

practical industrial training for MSc/MTech/BE/BTech/MBA Biotechnology students. The objective of this programme is to provide industry-specific training to Biotech students for skill development and enhancing their job opportunities in the Biotech industry.

In 2023, Yashwant RS, Thomas DS, Manoharan C, Nongthomba U, Sivaprasad V, and Gopalapillai R conducted a study titled "Inducible overexpression of cecropin B decreases the susceptibility of the transgenic silkworm, *Bombyx mori* (Lepidoptera: Bombycidae), to bacteria," which was published in the journal *Applied Entomology and Zoology*.



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Data Analysis Workshop

St Joseph's University's School of Social Work organized a workshop on Data Analysis for the II MSW students on January 28, 2023. Dr Rama Gokula Krishnan was the resource person for this workshop, and it covered various topics like data entry, data analysis introduction, percentage analysis, ANOVA, correlation, regression, and non-parametric tests.

Politics of Rape

On February 11, 2023, the School of Social Work co-hosted a one-day seminar with SIEDS, Bengaluru, on the theme 'Politics of Rape.' The event saw participation from the transgender and commercial sex worker community, who shared their concerns about security issues and violence faced by women and gender minorities. Many activists from the field also participated in the seminar.

National Conference on 'Social Inclusion, Democracy, and Human Rights'

On February 23-24, 2023, a two-day conference took place in collaboration with the Indian Social Institute, Bengaluru. The conference brought together students, researchers, teachers, and others from various colleges and universities across the country. They presented papers on important topics like social inclusion, democracy, and human rights. There were many discussions and conversations about the challenges faced by vulnerable communities.

The faculties from the School of Social Work played an important role as they moderated each panel based on their expertise in the specific field. Dr Sarasu Thomas from NLSIU was the chief guest for one of the days, and Dr Arvind Narrain, Founder and Director of Alternative Law Forum, was the guest for the concluding session.

National Conference

The School of Social Work organized a National Conference on 'Participatory Perspectives Towards Sustainable India' on April 12, 2023. Padma Shri Saalumara Thimmakka inaugurated the conference, and the chief guests were Mr Alfonso Tagliaferri (Consulate General of Italy), Mr Katsumasa Maruo (Consulate General of Japan), and Mr Friedrich Birgelen (Deputy Consulate General of Germany). The keynote speaker, Ms Irom

Chanu Sharmila, also known as the 'Iron lady of Manipur,' shared her insights.

Seminar on Self-Care matters in Mental Health: Relationship-focused Interventions

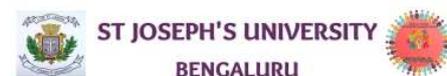
On March 1, 2023, the School of Social Work organized a talk on 'Self-Care Matters in Mental Health: Relationship-focused Interventions.' Dr Sojan Antony, an Associate Professor from the Department of Psychiatric Social Work at NIMHANS, was the resource person. He discussed the importance of positive reaffirmations and shared age-appropriate healthy practices to avoid mental health risks, especially for the youth.

Fieldwork Academician Practitioners Meet

The Office of Fieldwork Education, School of Social Work in collaboration with NGO Stories organised one-day Fieldwork Academicians and Practitioners Meet. This day was to commemorate the strong relationship built between the NGO partners, field work listening partners, department members, and the field over the years. At the end of the day, an awarding ceremony was conducted by NGO Stories recognizing the various contributions of NGOs in different fields of social work.

Social Work Students Association (SWSA)

World Cancer Day – Awareness Programme



G.U.L.P School, Akkithimmanahalli @ 9:30 am
Need Base India, Shanthinagar @ 12: 30 pm



*Surviving cancer is not the end of a gruesome story.
It is the beginning of a beautiful one.*

On World Cancer Day, which was on February 4, 2023, the I BSW students and

the Social Work Students Association of the School of Social Work organized a special program to raise awareness about cancer. The students split into two groups and visited two government-run schools. Group 1 went to G U LP School in Akkithimmanahalli, and Group 2 visited Need Base India in Shantinagar. During the programme, the students performed a mime to showcase three common causes of cancer: smoking, unprotected manual labor work in industrial settings, and unhealthy eating habits. The mime explained the mime to the children, making sure they understood the important message about cancer prevention. The event ended with a lively dance and action songs. The children participated with great interest and enthusiasm, making the awareness program a success.

Faculty Achievements

Ms Viola Maria Noronha

Ms Noronha published a paper titled 'A Study on the Impact of Oral Tradition on Child Development' in the Eastern Anthropologist Volume 75, published by Serials Publications Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, with the ISSN No 0012-8686.

Dr Alan Godfrey A

Dr Alan Godfrey worked on a book called "Social Inclusion, Democracy, and Human Rights," which was published by the Indian Social Institute in Delhi.

He was invited as a resource person for a two-day workshop on Social Work Research Methods and SPSS. This event was hosted by the Department of Social Work at DG Vaishnav College in Chennai on January 19 and 20, 2023. He was also invited as an external examiner for the Grade exams in Bharatanatyam conducted by Bridge Academy, Chennai (Affiliated to Periyar University, Salem). Dr Alan Godfrey was invited as a resource person for a Faculty Development Programme on 'Quantitative Research and Data Analytics' at St. Claret's College on February 7, 2023.

Additionally, he conducted a workshop on 'Knowledge Dissemination through Scientific Writing and Publishing' for the Mainframe Research Forum at St Joseph's College of Commerce on March 2-3, 2023.

Lastly, he was invited as a resource person for an FDP on 'Scientific Writing and Publishing' at St Aloysius College, Bengaluru, on March 10, 2023.

Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan

Mr Krishnan participated as a co-investigator in a major research project funded by the government, worth Rs 18 lakhs.

He published a paper titled “Wellbeing of Palliative Care Workers During Covid-19 Pandemic: Implications for Social Work Practice” in the Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life & Palliative Care. This journal is indexed in Scopus and Web of Science, and it is published by Routledge: Taylor and Francis.

Another paper was published in the Journal of Intellectual Disabilities on the topic “Working with Adults with Intellectual Challenges to Enhance their Employability Skills.”

Mr Krishnan a paper in the Journal of Human Rights and Social Work on the topic “Reducing Child Trafficking in India: The Role of Human Rights Education and Social Work Practice.”

Dr Shari Tess Mathew

Dr Mathew presented the poster ‘Patient Perspectives on Process of Recovery in Schizophrenia. A Qualitative Study’ at the Joint Congress of the World Association of Social Psychiatry and the Faculty of Rehabilitation and Social, Royal College of Psychiatrists, UK, London, 2023.

Student Achievement

Ms Neha Baruah from II MSW got the title “Miss North East India” in the beauty pageantry competition organised by Sunsilk on January 30, 2023.



SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

Department of History

Educational Trip To Bijapur, Aihole, Badami, Pattadakal And Hampi



The department’s first educational tour took place from January 4 to 6, 2023. About 30 students in their second and third years of BA visited important historical sites in Karnataka. The tour began with visits to Kudalasangama in Bagalkote and the Almatti Dam. On the following day, the group explored the Chalukyan heartland, including the Badami Caves, Aihole, and Pattadakallu. These three historic sites showcased the achievements of the Chalukyan empire from the 6th to 8th century. The tour concluded with a visit to Hampi, the capital of the Vijayanagara Empire. The students were guided by Ms. Jane D’Souza, Head of the History Department, and Ms. Ann Francis, a faculty member from the Economics Department.

Guest Lectures

On February 9, 2023, the department organized a guest lecture titled “Exploring Careers in History.” The speaker, Mr Rahul Yadav, an alumnus of the HEP program from the 2016-2019 class, shared insights. He currently works as a Lecturer at St Joseph’s Pre-University College in Bangalore. Additionally, he instructs communicative English at AARIT Academy, imparts life skills at PRAJNA Foundation, and counsels at APTECH Learning. This session broadened students’ understanding of career opportunities in the Humanities. The lecture was followed by an interactive Q&A session.

On March 4, 2023, a guest lecture on “The Making of the Indian Constitution – A Historical Perspective” took place. Dr Bernard D’Sami, a retired Professor and former HOD of History at Loyola College

Chennai, along with being the Director of Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research (LISSTAR), was the esteemed speaker. The talk delved into the diverse roles and perspectives of leaders during the formulation of the Indian Constitution. The lecture also explored the significance and relevance of the Constitution. A dynamic Q&A session, focusing on various historical viewpoints, wrapped up the lecture.

Collaborating with Destination Heritage, the department arranged another guest lecture on March 23, 2023. The topic was ‘Environmental Sustainability through Ancient Wisdom’. The distinguished speaker, Prof Sudha Gopinath, a retired Philosophy Professor from Bangalore University and current Advisor at Destination Heritage, enlightened the students. She discussed the Vedic origins of Environmental Science, emphasizing its spiritual essence through vivid examples. The lecture, attended by around a hundred SJU students, concluded with an engaging Q&A session that highlighted the students’ enthusiasm and enlightenment.

Workshops

Life Skills through Ancient Board Games

On April 2, 2023, a workshop in collaboration with Destination Heritage centered around the theme ‘Leadership Skills through Ancient Board Games’ took place. Ms Immaculate Anthony, the Founder of Ima Recreations, led the session. The goal of the workshop was to introduce students to traditional Indian board games, many of which are at risk of disappearing due to a lack of awareness among the younger generation. These games offer not only enjoyment but also foster social connections. The workshop saw the participation of 25 students from various academic backgrounds. The session emphasized the physical and social advantages of traditional Indian sports like ring catching for reflexes and Tiger and the Goat for teamwork.

Modern Methods and Tools for the Study and Conservation of Inscriptions

On April 18, 2023, the Mythic Society, a prominent institution in Indic Studies, partnered with the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage,

Mysore, Government of Karnataka, to organize a one-day Workshop. The workshop aimed to delve into 'Modern Methods and Tools for the Study and Conservation of Inscriptions.' Thirty-six students from SJU's department of History actively participated in the event. The workshop, comprising four sessions, centered on key aspects: converting dates from the Indian Calendar to the Gregorian Calendar, verifying and simulating eclipse records found in inscriptions, digitally converting inscriptions, and interpreting scanned inscriptions through 3D digital models.

PARISHODHANA

Mystery of Silence – Unfold the Mystery with History

Mystery of Silence – Unfold the Mystery with History, a Dumb Charades competition was hosted by Parishodhana, as a part of the Prathiba 2023 on February 16, 2023. 17 teams from various academic disciplines competed. The event had four rounds on topics such as historical silhouettes, connecting diverse images, slogans, and emojis.

National Online Quiz

A National Online Quiz was hosted on March 8, 2023 in honour of International Women's Day to recognize the contributions of women to history. 125 students from across the nation participated. Students with a grade point average of over 75% were awarded certificates.

Poster Competition

A poster competition was held for the I BA students in the third week of April 2023, on the theme of Dr B R Ambedkar on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanthi 2023.

Sanjana S, P R Rachita and Usman Ali Baba from the First Year BA secured the first, second and third Place, respectively.

Ignited Fest 2023

On May 2, 2023, the Department of History and Parishodhana as a part of Ignited Fest, 2023 held 'Ambedkar Jayanti Quiz 2023' - a written quiz commemorating the birthday of Dr B R Ambedkar. With around 18 teams registering for the competition, it saw participation across different streams of the University. It was a fruitful endeavour marking the end of the events for the year of Parishodhana 2022-23.

Staff Achievements

Dr Paul Newman K

Conducted a workshop for the staff of Loyola College, Kalenagrahara, Mount St Joseph's on the theme 'Conflict resolution and Team building' on November 26, 2022.

Resource person for a talk titled 'Teacher's role in developing social responsibilities of students' on January 10, 2023, organised by Don Bosco College, Bengaluru in collaboration with Globethics.net, Geneva, Switzerland.

Resource person for a national conference on 'Conditions of Refugees and Statelessness in South Asia' conducted by Loyola College, Chennai, on January 21, 2023.

Resource person for a series of guest lectures at Ignitors 2023, St. Joseph's University, January 16 to 14, 2023.

Published a paper titled "The denial of the rights of the two Bano's - Deprivation of Basic human rights of two innocent minority women"

Published an article titled 'Dark Days for Human Rights Activists in India' in the International Policy Digest on March 29, 2023.

Ms Jane D'Souza

Ms Jane D'Souza actively engaged in academic development by taking part in an Online Capacity Building Workshop titled 'Effective Research Methodology & Publication Strategies' held from February 27 to March 3, 2023, organized by Madras Christian College (Autonomous), Chennai. Additionally, she participated in a National Webinar focused on 'Vijayanagar Inscriptions – A Cultural Perspective,' hosted by the Department of History in collaboration with Providence College for Women, Coonor, on March 21, 2023.

Department of Industrial Relations

Staff achievements

Mr Anuplal G

Mr Anuplal G, Head of the Department, was the resource person for the Annual Numismatics workshop (on coins) 2023 held on January 28, 2023, and Study Class on Postal Covers connected with St Joseph's University held on February 8,

2023.

He published articles titled "Old Students' Association of St Joseph's College: Down the Ages", "The OSA: The Many Wars They Fought", "Some Landmark Achievements Under Different Principles: Dr (Fr) Joseph C Nelapathy SJ, to Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ." in the SJU Alumni Centenary Special Newsletter, "Fide Et Labore" on February 5, 2023.

Ms Sandhya Catherine

Ms. Sandhya Catherine, Guest Faculty in the department of Industrial Relations, has been actively engaged in various activities through the NGO Oasis India. She recently accomplished the Faculty Development Programme focused on Digital Technology in Education. Serving as the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer for Oasis India-Bengaluru, she participated in a three-day training program from March 27-31, 2023, in Kathmandu, Nepal, organized by the Asian Aid Organization (Australia). The training focused on "Writing Goals Outcomes, Log Frame Development, and Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning Plans."

Industrial Relations Forum

The student association of the Industrial Relations Forum led by Allen Peterson, General Secretary of Industrial Relations Forum and other council members have worked hard to bring about increased awareness and interest in the subject of Industrial Relations through several activities. Several co-curricular and extracurricular activities such as Annual Industrial Relations Quiz, extempore, sketching, cartooning, and meme making have been conducted. The Industrial Relations Forum also documents important press coverage connected to the subject in the IR Forum Wall Magazine. Three BA Industrial Relations students, namely Miss Flavia Andrea Da Costa, Suraj Sen, and Swaroop Roshan, are currently interning with the St Joseph's University Office of Human Resources, supervised by Colonel KC Menon, Chief Human Resource Officer of SJU.

Department of Sociology

The department organised a socio-culture fest for undergraduates on Diversity and research paper presentations. The department also conducted a short film-making competition on various social issues of contemporary society on March

7 and 8, 2023. The event was well received by the students.

Sociology students presented their research papers at the two-day national conference hosted by St Joseph's University's Department of Economics on March 10 and 11, 2023. Students from various streams, including III BA EPS, III BA IES, III CPE, II BA EPS, II BA CPE, and II BA HEP, participated, highlighting their dedication and commitment to presenting their work.

Short Film Competition: Dr Maria A, Assistant Professor from the department, organized a Short Film Competition for UG students. The competition received entries from 3rd-year sociology students. The films tackled various social issues like workplace challenges and socio-cultural complexities, showcasing the students' skills in shooting, editing, and filmmaking.

Short Film Screening: Sociology students have shown a strong interest in watching a variety of short films organized by the department. These films delve into intricate social topics such as caste, racial classification, women's empowerment, and drug addiction. The selection includes popular Kannada movies like "Sarkari Hiriyaa Prathamika Shale" and English films like "The Basketball Diaries."

Social Zest

Social Zest, the departmental association, had a series of successful events. "Jeopardy," held on February 22, 2023, provided an engaging learning experience where teams competed to find the right questions for given answers across categories like General Knowledge, Social Thinkers, and General Sociology. "Team B," represented by Stuti and Melania from III IES, emerged victorious and earned Amazon gift cards. The "Sherlocked - The Sociological Scavenge" treasure hunt took place on February 27, 2023, involving 5 teams of 3 members each. Participants decoded QR-coded hints to navigate through 6 campus locations, answering questions for bonus points. The drama performance organized by Dr. Maria A and Social Zest in early March 2023 explored workplace dynamics, providing a platform for students to showcase their talents and improve self-awareness and peer understanding.

Department of Economics

The Department of Economics, in collaboration with the Economics Forum, organized a guest lecture titled 'Are

people born with entrepreneurship, or is there a way to learn it?' presented by Mr. Vittal Ramakrishna, CEO and founder of POD & Kreate, on February 2, 2023. He is also an ambassador for GINSEP (German Indian Start-up Exchange Program). He shared insights into becoming an entrepreneur and adapting to changing environments. He emphasized that exceptional success in entrepreneurship comes from strong selling skills, the ability to promote products, services, or brands. His talk concluded with a motivating quote - "A quitter never wins and a winner never quits."

The Department of Economics hosted a two-day national conference on 'Economic Growth and the Trajectory of Healthcare in India - Assessing Future Prospects and Effective Policy Interventions' on March 10 and 11, 2023. The event welcomed participants and guests, with Prof. RS Deshpande, former director of Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), delivering the keynote address. The conference successfully featured 43 research papers from Karnataka, Goa, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala. Technical sessions, plenary sessions, and academic experts chairing discussions enriched the event. The valedictory program on March 11, 2023, felicitated Mr. Mahesh J from DCB Bank, Bengaluru, and Mr. Vineeth Kumar from Tata Consumer Products Limited. Dr. Keshavamurthy K, conference convener, offered the vote of thanks.

On March 17, 2023, the department conducted a BOS meeting for 5th and 6th Semester NEP UG programs under SJC (Autonomous).

On March 29, 2023, Dr. Cao Đức Phát, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), delivered a lecture co-organized by the Department of Economics, Foundation of Agrarian Studies, and IRRI. Dr. Phát discussed Vietnam's transformative agricultural reforms (Doi Moi) that drove significant growth and highlighted current development challenges, stressing productivity and rural-urban balance. Prof. Madhura Swaminathan from the Indian Statistical Institute Bangalore Centre and a trustee of the Foundation for Agrarian Studies presided over the lecture, attended by researchers, scholars, and students.

The tenth edition of the Economics Gazette, published in March 2023 with the theme 'Nobel Laureates', featured articles discussing topics such as the pitfalls of government-led bailout programs and a review of Nobel laureate

James Buchanan's work "The Power of Tax." Additionally, as part of 'Economics Unplugged,' the Economics Forum organized interactive events for students on March 31 and April 1, 2023.

Staff Achievements

Ms Anita Noronha

Co-presented a research paper titled "Interdisciplinary Research in Social sciences - Study of Interdisciplinary in Public Policy" in ICSSR-ERC-sponsored national conference on Traditional Trends and Contemporary Challenges in Business, Commerce, Humanities and Social Sciences organised by XITE college, Gamharia, held online on November 12, 2022. The article was published in the conference proceedings.

Dr Keshavamurthy

Dr Keshavamurthy defended his PhD thesis titled "An Analysis of India's Foreign Trade with China and Pakistan since the Post-Reform Period" under the guidance of Dr DS Leelavathi from the University of Mysore, February, 2023.

Dr Padmaja Pancharatnam

Dr Padmaja Pancharatnam published an article titled "Vegetable Buying Options in Bangalore -A Consumer and Retail Perspective" in the conference proceedings of the 28th Annual Conference, International Sustainable Development Research Society: Sustainable Development and Courage: Culture, Art and Human Rights held in December, 2022.

Dr Tulika Bhattacharya

Dr Tulika Bhattacharya presented a report on the research study titled "A Study on the Mental Health and Quality of Life of Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) in Metropolitan Cities of India" funded by the National Commission for Women (NCW), New Delhi in December 23, 2022.

Student Achievements

Nishat Choudhury from III CPE and Josna Jose of II MA Economics presented their research papers in a national-level seminar on 'Epitomizing Inflation Trajectory in India' organised by CMS Business School, Jain (Deemed-to-be) University. They received the two Best Paper Awards.

Anagha S, of II MA Economics, presented a paper titled "An Analysis of MSME Sector and Government

Initiatives in Kerala for Entrepreneurship Development” in a national seminar titled ‘Make in India and MSME sector opportunities and challenges’, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Sciences Research (ICSSR) and organised by Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous) Bengaluru. Syed Mohiuddin Khadri’s paper titled “The Impact of Technological Advancement on Socio-Economic Life of People” was published in the International Journal of Advance and Applied Research.

Nistha Shrestha of II EMS, stood as the semi-finalist in the International Monetary Fund Challenge conducted in October, 2022.

Devesh Kumar Ray and Vishesh Yadav from I BSc ECST took part in ‘Policy Check’ Competition at Christ (Deemed to be) University fest and they won second place.

Livencee Marandi of III HEP presented a paper titled “Issues and Challenges of Higher Education” at the International Conference on Higher Education and Sustainable Development, organized by Osmania University Hyderabad from March 23 to 25, 2023. Abdullah Ashraf of III HEP secured a Silver medal in show jumping at the EIRS horse show held at Embassy International Riding School Bangalore on January 27-28, 2023. Divya R Reddy of III HEP published an online research article titled ‘Economic Migration in Sri Lanka during the Crisis & Impact on India’ in SamvadaWorld (a Media Portal on International Affairs, Geopolitics, Defence, and Security) on September 21, 2022. Teerth Narang from III HEP presented a paper on ‘Ka Phan Nonhlait – The Lion of Feminism’ at a conference hosted by the Department of History at St. Joseph’s College with the theme ‘People and places associated with the Indian Freedom Struggle’ on October 22, 2022. Teerth Narang also presented a paper on ‘The Idea of Secularism’ at the ICSSR Sponsored National conference on ‘Challenges to Secularism in India in the 21st Century’ on July 10-11, 2022. Additionally, Teerth Narang participated and presented a paper at the National conference on ‘Economic Growth and Trajectory of Healthcare in India - Assessing Future Prospects and Effective Policy Interventions’ hosted by the Department of Economics SJU in collaboration with CMDR Dharwad on March 10-11, 2023.

Economics Forum

The fourth event in the Economics Forum’s lecture series took place on

January 21, 2023. Ms Bhargavi Gopi, an SJC alumna, spoke about ‘Financial Planning for College Students.’ She emphasized that starting financial planning early is essential, aligning with individual financial goals. Selecting investment plans should be based on established goals, risk tolerance, and age. On February 21, 2023, the Economics Forum organized a guest lecture on ‘Circular Economy.’ Mr Supratim Bhattacharya, entrepreneur, biologist, fermentation scientist, and sustainability consultant, highlighted resource renewal. He underlined creative resource utilization to build a better future, explaining that a circular economy maximizes resource use, minimizes waste, and extends product life cycles, addressing the planet’s limited resources.

The Academic Peer Training team (APT) operated at full strength, offering assistance before the first mid-semester exams of the odd semester, and resuming after a brief break for the second mid-semester exams.

Oikonomika

In January 2023, an article writing competition was organized on the topic “Gen Z’s Cultural Impact on the Economy.” Participants submitted entries online, which were subsequently published on the association’s blog.

Oikonomika hosted a guest lecture on ‘Union Budget Analysis’ on February 9, 2023. Dr Rajib Sutradhar, Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at Christ (Deemed to be University) Bengaluru, delivered valuable insights on the Union Budget 2023-24. The lecture began with a discussion on the current status of the Indian Economy. It covered key budget highlights, such as changes in the new tax regime, increased capital spending, and schemes for sustainable growth. The session concluded with a Q&A segment.

Oikonomika and Economics Forum jointly hosted the inter-collegiate fest EconTorah 2023 on March 7. The event welcomed nearly 80 participants from prestigious colleges across Bengaluru, including Christ (Deemed to be University) and Reva University. The fest’s inauguration featured a prayer song and a welcome address by Oikonomika’s secretary, Sharon, in the presence of the chief guest, Dr S Madheswaran, Head of the Centre for Economic Studies and Policy at the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore. Dr Madheswaran elaborated on India’s goal

to achieve a 5 trillion economy by 2030, discussing comprehensive economic well-being beyond basic health, education, and minimum employment.

EconTorah comprised six events: Spiel O’ Clock, Grow from 50, Decipher It, Capture It, Panic! At The RBI, and Treasure Hunt. Panic! At The RBI, Grow from 50, and Treasure Hunt were team events, while the rest were individual events. Competitions took place from 11:00 am to 03:30 pm. The day’s finale, the valedictory ceremony, began at 04:00 pm, where Christ Deemed to be University, Bannerghatta Campus, emerged as the overall winners of EconTorah 2023. Participants received certificates of participation, and the event was concluded by Reshma Karthikeyan, President of the Economics Forum, with a vote of thanks.

Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy

Department Activities

The department conducted a plethora of activities in the preceding semester that ranged from lectures with an international focus bringing in experts from the field of International Relations, Peace Studies, and Public Policy to light-hearted competitions that tested the camaraderie between the students of these disciplines. Book discussions, Constitution Day celebrations, documentary screening were some of the other activities that set the tone for the succeeding semester.

ASPIRE

In the presence of Mr Clement D’Souza, Dean of the School of Humanities, and Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar, Head of the Department, the Student Association ASPIRE was launched during the JIP Meet & Greet, attended by all Department students on February 15, 2023.

ASPIRE conducted the SJU-NIAS Lecture Series on International Relations, focusing on India and Central Asia’s Measures to Strengthen Cooperation by Batyr-Mukhammad Karagulov. The coordination involved Dr Anitha V, Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar, and students on February 20, 2023. Additionally, a workshop on International Relations, convened by Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar and coordinated by Alka Bala was also conducted.

Staff Achievements

Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar

Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar was invited as a guest speaker for one year of NIAS Europe Studies, hosted by National Institute of Advanced Studies. He was also invited for a guest lecture on the session “The Idea of India: A Constitutional Perspective ‘ at St Paul’s College, Bengaluru. He presented and took part in the discussions in the Second Indo-German Dialogue on Global Strategic Landscape 2022 conducted by the National Institute of Advanced Studies, along with the final year students.

Students’ Achievements

Yasmin Daniel, Vikram Singh Jamwal, Alka Bala, Sarah Amlan, Sayeka Ghosh, Shehnaz Najm Choudhury, Sayani Rana, Peddi Sai Kaushik Reddy, Rajika Kanungo, Nuha Aamina, Maansi NA and Rosemary presented papers at Young Scholars Seminar at St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru. Alka Bala, Rajika Kanungo and Rosemary won Best Paper Awards and Sayani presented the same paper in Pondicherry.

Allen Joe Mathew and Tessa Thomas won second place at the Manthan National-Level Inter College Quiz, organised by Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

Suhana published an article titled ‘Private Jails: Is it the reform that India needs?’ in the Law School Policy Review Journal.

Larissa Clitus, Prajwal TV, and Ananya Dubey published articles in the web-journal Samwad World.

Rosemary and Alka Bala won second place in ‘Attaché Case’ for Policy Formulation Competition in Christ Consilium Fest.

Nuha Aamina and P Unnikrishnan won second place in the event Call it Conundrum at the Christ College Public Policy fest.

Sayani Rana and Manasvini Pankaj Kapileshwari participated in Vimarsha, a student-led roundtable conference as panellists at Ramaiah University on January 12, 2023.

Anurag Singh Tomar won first place in SJEC Udhbhav on February 11, 2023.

Sim V attended National Integration Camp as part of NSS from February 3 to February 9, 2023.

Hanna Sunny published an article titled, ‘Space Race – War Beyond the Karman Line’ in Samvada World.

Kritika Mondal published an article titled, ‘A Glance at Afghanistan after Taliban War: A State of Broken Democracy’ The Kootneeti, January 24, 2023. Cris Fernando Anand Perez and Rosemary published in The Kootneeti in the preceding semester.

Preeti Serafina participated in NCC-CATC-II/RDC-I at Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Residential School, Gajaladinne Village, Kolar Taluk.

Dilsa Edathody Dinesh came third in Poetry Slam in the Scintillation fest organised by Jyoti Nivas College.

Abhishek Kadiyala is a member of UNESCO’s Open Education for a Better World programme. He was placed second at Christ University’s National Public Policy Consilium – Security Crisis Simulation. He also published an article titled, ‘Influx of foreign talent in Kabaddi hints towards a new trend’ in ThePrint.

Rajika Kanungo presented a review on the chapter “Public Policy and the Role of Youth” from the book *Discovering New India*.

P Unnikrishnan presented papers on Rohingya refugee crisis and Russia Ukraine Conflict in conferences. He won first place in JAM at St Joseph’s Evening College fest, Udhbav, on February 11, 2023. He also won first place in Who killed Mona (murder mystery event), second place in Delusional Illumination (speaking event) and On Death Rogue (debating event) in the fest Cul Ah hosted by Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), on February 3 and 4, 2023. He won second place in JAM in the Jyoti Nivas College fest, Scintillations, on February 10, 2023.

Nuha Aamina presented a review on the chapter “ESG as a Tool to Promote Social Harmony” from the book *Discovering New India*.

Maansi NA presented a review on the chapter “Religion and Socio-Secular Engagements” from the book *Discovering New India*.

Department of Political Science

While the month of January saw Mr Zou Zhengxin from Sichuan University delivering a special lecture on “China’s Neighbourhood Policy: Special Focus on China and South Asia” and Mr Shreyas Issac, an alumnus, gracing a student interaction session with advice on the prospects and opportunities for Humanities students in new and emerging careers for undergraduate students, the department of Political Science also organized multiple special lectures in the succeeding months for postgraduate students.

Mr V Balasubramanian, IAS (retd.), Former District Magistrate, Consultant to the Commonwealth Secretariat, London, spoke about ‘The Problem of Development Administration in India’ on February 7, 2023. Another special lecture on ‘Feminist Methodology in Social Sciences Research’ was conducted on February 23, 2023. The event organized in collaboration with the Research Development Cell saw Dr Debangana Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, Jain-Deemed to be University, Bangalore, speaking on the topic. Dr S Xavier, Professor, St Joseph’s University and Director, St Joseph’s Research Institute, St Joseph’s University, Bangalore, spoke on ‘Research and Publication in Higher Education’ on March 10, 2023. ‘Climate Change & Natural Disasters: An Indian Perspective’ was the topic under scrutiny in a lecture delivered by Prof KN Ninan, Senior Fellow, World Resources Institute and Lead Author, Global Environment Outlook Report, United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) on March 24, 2023. Three days later, on March 27, Dr D Jeevan Kumar delivered a lecture on ‘Development & Its Conundrums’ at the University. Dr Sujit Kumar, an Assistant Professor from School of Development at Azim Premji University spoke about ‘Discourse Analysis and its Significance in Adivasi & Dalit Studies’ on April 1, 2023. Dr Surya Shankar Sen, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, St Joseph’s University, Bangalore, concluded the series of lectures on April 10, 2023, illumining on ‘The Scope of Field-based Methods in Studying International Relations’.

On February 15, 2023, a French Delegation visited the department of Political Science and engaged in discussions with the faculty members. The delegation

included Prof Anne Cheng, a Sinologist from College de France, along with Mr Francois Xavier and Ms Lucile Guillet, officials from the Consulate General of France. After an extensive interaction with the Head of the Department of Political Science, the delegation expressed interest in establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

On February 20, 2023, students of III BA (EPS) visited Vidhana Soudha to observe the sessions of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly. The visit was arranged by the Head of the Department of Political Science.

UG Faculty Achievements

Dr PE Somiah

In 2023, Dr Somiah was the chief guest for the First National Youth Parliament 2023 by the Department of Humanities, MS Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce which was organised under the National Youth Parliament Scheme Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs Government of India.

Dr Neil Tannen

In 2022, Dr Tannen presented papers at multiple international conferences: "The Relevance of Policy Sciences in the Contemporary World" at the International Conference on Multiple Facets of Policy Making in Singapore; "A Dramaturgy of Populism in the Modern World" at the International Conference on Authoritarian Populism in the New World in Washington, DC; "The Decline of Populist Politics in South Asia" at the International Conference on Politics in South Asia in Hong Kong; "Justice as Fairness: Rawls Revisited in Contemporary Political Philosophy" at the International Conference on Political Philosophy in Paris, France; and "Institutions, Policy and the Wicked Problem in the Developing World" at the International Conference hosted by the Policy Studies Association in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

He also attended multiple workshops: one on Advanced Quantitative Methods in Political Science Research by the International Association for Quantitative Research in California, USA; another by the same association in Honolulu, Hawaii; a Mixed Methods in Social Science workshop by the World Social Sciences Association in Geneva, Switzerland; a Quantitative Methods in Political Science Research workshop by the World Political Research Group in Lisbon, Portugal; and

a Mathematical and Statistical Methods in Political Science Research workshop by the American Social Scientists Research Association in Barcelona, Spain.

Spectrum

Dr Shankar Guaha Dwarkanath, MBBS, MD, Chief Spokesperson of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC), delivered a special lecture on the topic 'Karnataka Legislative Assembly Elections – 2023' on February 14, 2023, at De Nobili Hall from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm. The event was organized by Spectrum.

Prof Anne Cheng, the Sinologist from College de France, delivered a special lecture on the topic 'China's Vision of the World' on February 15, 2023, at De Nobili Hall from 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm.

PG Students' Association

Rostrum Politica

An interdisciplinary Essay writing contest for UG and PG students took place on April 20, 2023. A multidisciplinary Seminar cum Colloquium for UG and PG Students was held on April 24, 2023. Furthermore, a multidisciplinary JAM session was conducted on May 2, 2023.

Department of Psychology

Case Conference

On January 13, 2023, a two-hour case conference session for postgraduate students was conducted at Xavier Hall, Post Graduate and Research Centre, St. Joseph's University, Bangalore. During this session, a case attended by the counselor, Ms Maria Senora Sukumar, was discussed. The students received a briefing about the formulation and relevant therapeutic practices for the presented case. Following the case presentation, a discussion ensued, with MSc Counselling Psychology postgraduate students and Psychology department faculty engaging in active dialogues about contemporary treatment and management protocols.

Workshop

A workshop titled "Theory to Practice" by Dr Ratna Issac took place on January 20, 2023, from 2 pm to 4 pm in the AV Room in Arrupe Block. Coordinated by Dr Madhurini Vallikad, the workshop delved into different aspects of theory

and counseling experience. It seamlessly combined reflective activities, case study exercises, and a concise theoretical orientation. The session was designed to be interactive, participatory, and reflective. The event concluded with an open discussion, allowing attendees to voice opinions and seek clarifications.

The Department of Psychology and Counselling at St Joseph's University, Bangalore, conducted a series of informative workshops and sessions in the succeeding months. A workshop on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Dyslexia was held on February 13, 2023, for first-year postgraduate students, hosted by Ms Jennifer Tavares, State Vice President Karnataka, Special Needs Council, and coordinated by Ms Shaistha Kubra. Another experiential workshop on Art Therapy took place on March 9, 2023, for second-year MSc Counselling Psychology students, conducted by Ms Shaistha Kubra, offering hands-on experience in the field. An awareness program on ADHD and Dyslexia was organized for undergraduate Psychology students on the same day by Ms. Jennifer Tavares. The department further organized training workshops on various topics, including Domestic Violence Counseling Interventions on March 23, 2023, and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy on March 30, 2023, both led by Assistant Professors of the department. Additionally, from January to March 2023, two-hour student-led Case Conference sessions for postgraduate students were held on a weekly basis, where students presented cases from their internship program in the UG Psychology Lab, Arrupe Block.

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FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE

Guest speaker: Dr. Rathna Isaac
(M.Phil and Ph.D in Clinical Psychology from NIMHANS)

FRIDAY
20th Jan 2023

TIME
1:50 - 3:35 pm

Venue:
AV Room, Arrupe block

Consilium

The Consilium Association under the Department of Psychology and Counselling hosts a wide array of events across the previous semester. From Mixers, Teacher's Day celebrations to Suicide Prevention Day, the association along with Sumana remains an active participant fostering healthy mental health conversations in the campus.

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Ignited Fest 2023

On May 3, 2023, the Department of Psychology and Counselling, in collaboration with Consilium, organized Ignited Fest 2023. The event featured a combination of academic projects and presentations by undergraduate Psychology students, along with activities open to non-Psychology students.

First-year psychology students formed groups to create models explaining psychological theories, design psychoeducational posters, and perform street plays addressing psychology-related issues. Second-year students

presented posters showcasing statistical findings from practical assessments, and hosted a psychometry stall for students to try out assessments themselves. Third-year students developed models explaining concepts from Abnormal Psychology and Industrial Psychology, and presented street plays highlighting mental health concerns.

In addition to academic activities, the association arranged two non-academic events: a Movie Screening and an Art Session. The Movie Screening focused on scenes from well-known films, with organizers explaining the psychological concepts behind them. During the Art Session, participants engaged in creative activities like clay sculpting, finger painting, and writing/drawing on post-it notes, which were then displayed for all to see. Running from 8:45 am to 5:00 pm, the fest proved to be a resounding success.

Staff achievements

Ms Nisha Menzies Rao

Ms Nisha Menzies Rao published papers titled "Risk and Problem Behaviours in Adolescence: A Review of Contributing Factors" and "Situating the Problem Outside of the Individual: Understanding Problem Behaviours in Adolescence from a Developmental Psychopathology Perspective" in *Neuroquantology*, an international Scopus-indexed journal in the field of psychology. She conducted a workshop series on awareness of substance abuse and physiological maturity for grades 11 and 6 at Neev Academy, Yemalur, Bangalore, from February 6 to February 17, 2023. Additionally, she conducted a guest lecture on Applied Psychology, specifically focusing on the process of psychometric testing, at St Joseph's College of Commerce on February 16, 2023.

Ms Ami Joshi

Ms Ami Joshi organized a workshop on "Domestic Violence Against Women: Counselling Interventions in the Indian Context" for postgraduate students of Counselling Psychology at St Joseph's University on March 23, 2023.

Dr Anaurene Roy

Dr Anaurene Roy was invited to speak in a webinar on Sports Psychology and Mental Health and conducted FDP Series on Research Supervision for faculty members of the Department of Psychology and Counselling. She also completed a Postgraduate Diploma in

Counselling Psychology in the preceding semester.

Dr Maria Wajid

Dr Maria Wajid published a paper titled "Eudaimonia and Mindfulness as Predictors of Alcohol Dependence: A Pilot Study" in *Cogent Psychology*, an international Scopus-indexed journal in the field of psychology.

Ms Anu John

Ms Anu John published a journal article titled "Thriving Post-Covid: A Manager's Guide to Building a Workforce Resilient to Pandemics and Other Crises" in a leading corporate journal.

Ms Grace Maria Jochan

Ms Grace Maria Jochan published paper titled "Xenophobic Attitude and Representations in Social Media During Covid-19 pandemic in India" in *Revista Conhecimento Online*, an international Scopus-indexed journal in the field of psychology. She also served as a subject matter expert in the Board of Studies for the BA Psychology course at St Joseph's College of Commerce, Bangalore. She also conducted a guest lecture on Digital Vigilantism: Media Psychology perspective for undergraduate students at Christ University, Bangalore on March 29, 2023.

Ms Shaistha Kubra

Ms Shaistha Kubra was interviewed by Ms Zulekha Shakoor, a journalist at online news media *The Quint* and was featured in an article titled "India and Suicides: Can the new policy address the Mental Health Pandemic Among Youth". She facilitated a guest lecture on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Dyslexia by Ms Jennifer Traves, which was conducted for postgraduate students of Counselling Psychology at St Joseph's University on February 13, 2023. Additionally, she conducted a workshop on Art Therapy for postgraduate students of Counselling Psychology at St Joseph's University on March 9, 2023.

Ms Subikshalakshmi

conducted a workshop on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for postgraduate students of Counselling Psychology at St Joseph's University on March 30, 2023.

Ms Maria Senora Sukumar

Ms Maria Senora Sukumar presented a Counselling Case in a two-hour Case Conference session for postgraduate students on January 13, 2023. She was

interviewed by Ms Fathima Ashraf, a journalist at Times of India and was featured in an article titled "Counselling on Campus: Need of the Hour" published on January 18, 2023. She was also interviewed by Ms Fathima Ashraf for another article titled "Bengaluru finds a new way to deal with rage" which was published on February 11, 2023.

Dr Stephen Babu

Dr Stephen Babu participated in an international certificate program on Psychotherapies organized by Psykey-unlock Psychology from March 1-3, 2023, in virtual mode. Additionally, he took part in a national-level workshop on Data Analysis using SPSS organized by Star International Foundation for Research and Education from March 11-12, 2023, also in virtual mode.

Student Achievements

Bhavya Subramaniyan bagged first place in an inter-collegiate fest Wild 12.0, conducted by Wildlife Awareness and Conservation Club.

Neekita Raman competed in 10 Metre Air Rifle Shooting Women All India Kumar Surendra Singh - Indian Shooting Team Selection Trials. She attained top 100 in Senior Women, attained top 64 in Junior Women, and top 41 in Youth Women; Indian Team Selection Trial 1 - 146th Rank in Senior Women, Top 89 in Junior Women, Top 58 in Youth Women; Indian Team Selection Trial 2 - 127th Rank in Senior Women, Top 72 in Junior Women, Top 45 in Youth Women.

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

Department of English

National Conference

Writing Worlds, Worlds Writing: New Textualities and Their Online Lives

The Department of English hosted the third edition of the annual conference Writing Worlds, Worlds Writing: New Textualities and their Online Lives from March 20 to 25, 2023 in a hybrid mode that incorporated both online and offline sessions. The conference structure involved plenaries, paper presentations, and workshops that were conducted by staff and external resource persons. The conference began with online plenary sessions for the first three days, involving resource persons such as the prolific science fiction writer Mr Samit Basu, Dr Nina Sabnani who discussed storying memories, and Dr Basil N Darlong Diengdoh who spoke on the theoretical foundations of post-humanism. The permanent theme, new textualities, invited discussion on evolving textualities in online spaces, with deliberations on speculative fiction, narratives in video games, as well as a return to the graphic medium. Offline sessions of the conference, which began on March 23, saw participation from external institutions and independent scholars who attended plenaries and workshops, and delivered paper presentations.

Plenaries involved writers, academicians and creative practitioners. Appupen and Falah Faisal had a conversation on the emergence of graphic narratives in India, a topic which was later critically examined by Dr Preetha Vasan. Gautam Shenoy and Vinayak Varma participated in a panel discussion on the status of speculative fiction in South Asia. The conversational mode of these plenaries gave an opportunity for open discussion and questions from the audience. The workshops were very interactive and activity-based. The conference and its components hinged on the idea that narratives evolve into newer forms when interacting with digital media, including the way that the consumers respond to and receive newer media. For instance, the reactions to digital art gradually built a more conducive environment for online art as described by Ms Sreejita Biswas, a digital artist who operates under the pseudonym Solo.

Eight workshops were hosted during

the conference, with one on QAMRA and archiving. RP Amudhan hosted two sessions of his mobile phone filmmaking workshop titled "When Ordinairness Transcends Margins". Ms Drishti Rakhra conducted her workshop on "Reading Queer Domesticities". Dr Arul Mani investigated "Flash Guerdon" while Mr Vinayak Varma hosted a workshop on "Illustration in Speculative Fiction". A workshop on fanfiction by Ms Cynthia Nirmala Rajah took place on the second day of the conference which ended with Ms Vismaya Vishwa's workshop on "Instamacy". The final workshop of the conference titled "Recasting Film: Responding to Caste in Popular Cinema" was organised by Ms Vijeta Kumar.

The conference also included four panels of paper presentations with a multitude of papers being accepted from undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as research scholars and independent researchers. The papers broadly explored the diverse forms of writing, textualization and narrativization that happen within new media. These explorations, within the broader ambit of digital humanities, looked at a huge variety of topics - from multimedia storytelling to AI-generated love letters, from video game narratives to online fandoms, from new pedagogic practices to performative practices in social media.

The conference concluded with a summary of the themes and research topics presented at the conference, with ideas for a future conference. This was followed by a valedictory session and presentation of certificates.

Staff Achievements

Dr Arul Mani

Conducted a two-day Public Policy Writing Workshop at IIT Mumbai in January 2023.

Conducted a quiz for Deccan Herald on education for school students.

Conducted a Spelling Bee contest for Deccan Herald.

Mr Chinnappa B G

Invited as a Key Reader to the 2nd Kokrajhar Literary Festival, Bodoland Territorial Region, Assam, where he presented his poetry in Kodava thak.

Dr Lillykutty Abraham

Co-wrote a paper with Prabha, Krishna VP titled "The angst of the Dehumanized: Ubuntu for Solidarity," in The Journal of International Women's Studies.



Ms Vismaya V

Published a paper titled “Memory as Resistance: A Study on the Literary Importance of New Forms of Representation in Confronting and Commemorating the Experiences of Genocide” in the Journal of Kurdistan for Strategic Studies

Ms Vijeta Kumar

Published a book chapter titled “Two for one” in the book Yaari: An Anthology on Friendship by Women and Queer Folx in January 2023.

Published a short fiction titled “My Grandmother’s Magic Blouse” in the book Identity: The Helter Skelter Anthology of New Writing.

Published a paper titled “Taking the leap” in the book VISIBLE/INVISIBLE: Representation of Women in Art through the MAP Collection in March 2023.

Published a paper titled “Self-made vs Self-respect: The Politics of Belonging in Zoya Akhtar’s Films” in the book ReFocus: The Films of Zoya Akhtar.

Curated a Dalit History Month special series for the Indian Institute of Human Settlements (IIHS), Bengaluru in April 2023.

Moderated a panel discussion titled “In conversation with Writer Yogesh Maitreya” at Champaca Bookstore as part of the book launch of A Part Apart - a biography of Dr. B.R Ambedkar by Ashok Gopal at India International Centre in Delhi on April 14, 2023.

Moderated ‘Neeli Parádé: A Showcase and Panel of Four Short Films made by Bahujan Filmmakers’ under Neelavarana Media, at Bangalore International Centre in February 2023.

Dr Revathi Suresh

Defended and was awarded PhD in Linguistics on 25 October 2022 from EFL University, Hyderabad for the thesis titled Comprehension of Embedded Sentences in Malayalam: An Evaluation of Processing Models.

Dr Achuth A

Co-edited the book titled Reimagining Marginality: Exploitation, Expression, Experience, with Mohan Dharavath published by Authors Press.

Co-wrote the Introduction to Reimagining Marginality: Exploitation, Expression, Experience, with Mohan Dharavath, published by Authors Press.

Published a chapter titled “From the Pinnacle of Idealism to the World of Reality: The Ezhava Question and the Interdining Feast at Cherai, May 1917”, in

Reimagining Marginality: Exploitation, Expression, Experience, with Mohan Dharavath published by Authors Press.

Dr Md Tauseef Qamar

Co-authored a paper titled “Mobile Learning Determinants that Influence Indian University Students’ Learning Satisfaction During COVID-19” in a Scopus indexed journal International Journal of Continuing Engineering Education and Life-Long Learning.

Ms Nirmala Rajah Cynthia

Conducted a workshop on fanfiction titled “Finding, Fighting and Friending: Foraging beyond fiction” in the Writing Worlds, Worlds Writing: New Textualities and their Online Lives at a national conference hosted by the Department of English of St Joseph’s University, Bangalore, in March 2023

Ms Nadika Nadja

Ms Nadika Nadja published an article titled ‘Transformation on the big screen: Queer themes in Indian cinema in The Hindu:Frontline.

Published an article titled ‘Dique Glossia: Speaking the queer language’ in Deccan Herald.

Student Achievements

Mini Thomas, I MA English (Shift 3) bagged the National Award for Excellence in Journalism instituted by the Press Council for her article titled, “The Blade Runner” in The Week.

Rahul Gabriel Roy of MA English (batch 2018-20) cleared UGC-NET for Lectureship and JRF

Jaswanth Arthimalla of MA English (batch 2020-22) cleared UGC-NET for Lectureship

Akash Bhosle of II MA English cleared UGC-NET for Lectureship

Bhaswatee Das of I MA English cleared UGC-NET for Lectureship

Association Reports

The Literary Society

META 2023

The annual Josephite festival of literature, Meta, hosted by the Department of English at St Joseph’s University was conducted this year between February 6 and 16, in a hybrid mode that involved both offline events as well as online discussions. This is the eleventh edition of META.

The festival hosted flagship contests such as the Prof T R H Peck Memorial Lecture Contest, the Nicholas Parsons Trophy for JAM, and the St Joseph’s University Prize for the Personal Essay, formerly the Prof. Barbra Naidu Prize for the Personal Essay. The festival also hosted the T G Vaidyanathan Film Review Contest, the Fr. Hedwig Da Costa Memorial Shakespeare Elocution Contest, as well as two quizzes, Bookends and Ott-aku. In addition, the festival consisted of engaging workshops conducted by Dr Arul Mani, Ms Vijeta Kumar, Ms Nikhita Thomas, as well as notable writers Ms Amulya Shruti, and Ms Nisha Susan. The schedule also featured conversations with renowned writers Ms Khyrunnisa, Ms Paromita Vohra, Ms Vasudhendhra, and Ms Jugal Mody, alongside a series of discussions with alumni such as Ms Shefali Mathew, Ms Zenisha Gonsalves, and Ms Ila Ananya. Furthermore, theatre artist Ms Mallika Prasad delivered an interactive lec-dem on her life in theatre. A student panel of the Department’s students in collaboration with members of the Literary Society at Mount Carmel College offered insights into how young women learnt to exist and navigate spaces, while another student contribution was the Public Communications exhibit brought out by students of MA English. Additionally, a demonstration on how ChatGPT could influence quizzing was delivered.



Writing Desk

The second session of Writing Desk held on Friday, January 20, 2023 had students turning up in staggering numbers, brought together by their love for writing. Ms Cynthia talked about the magic of making mistakes and that it is completely fine to feel that our writing is terrible. All good writers always complain about their writing not being good enough. The students were given two prompts to work on: a letter to someone you don’t talk to anymore, and colours of people in your life. The participants captured the mundane such as untied shoelaces, butterflies, and clouds among other things very beautifully in their write-ups. The

listeners found pieces of themselves in the others' writings.

The third session of the Writing Desk took place on January 29, 2023, a Sunday. Interested students gathered at Bookworm to write on the theme of the SJU Prize for the Personal Essay: Songs I've Forgotten. They were joined by two students from the Army Institute of Fashion and Design. Participants read out their work, and gave each other very enthusiastic feedback on their write-ups while enjoying the coffee very graciously prepared for them by Bookworm.

The Linguistics Society

Samæntiks 2023

Samæntiks 2023, organised by the Department of English and the Linguistics Society, was a festival that celebrated languages and linguistics. The festival, which took place from March 30 to April 1 was an incredible three days of engaging discussions, unique contests (which involved speaking, writing, design, or quiz), exciting workshops and fun quizzes that gained us all new insights and perspectives.

The 3-day extravaganza started with the prompt for the Mother Language Essay Contest that celebrated the beauty of languages and cultures by providing a platform for writers to express themselves in their native tongue. The competition boasted participation from quite a few colleges from other states. Participants in the Stan-fiction Contest looked at the evolution of language by rewriting a piece in Gen-Z lingo. The Letter Designing Contest was a visual delight, with participants showcasing their calligraphy skills and artistic creativity. Spellunked had the participants and the other attendees scrambling to create as many words as possible from a given set of letters. In Trigger Lee, participants tried to defend the existence of some words, and argued why certain words and phrases like "Hello" should not exist with great glee. Punnykuty saw participants making puns in stressful situations. Zine making invited them to design colourful, creative zines based on the prompt "Summery".

In JAM, students had to speak without hesitation and repetition about the assigned topic, albeit with a linguistic constraint like the first five words of their JAM speech being the words of a song. Quizzers had to decode cryptic clues in the quickest time possible in Wordnik, Amor and Tongues and Weird-E-Alam. These were challenging events that had the participants flexing their linguistic

muscles and showing off their problem-solving skills.

Chirag Chittar talked about bridging the gap between natural sciences and social sciences in the fest. The workshops conducted as part of the festival invited the students to develop skills such as photography, decoding cryptic clues, journaling the everyday by drawing and writing, writing flash fiction, and analysing music. Samæntiks 2023 combined learning and fun in its events and workshops.

Nous

2022-23 was a big year for SJU NOUS. Programmes for the semester were kick-started with the Social Justice Film Festival, organised in collaboration with renowned documentary filmmaker RP Amudhan. Held over the course of two days, the Social Justice Film Festival saw over 15 documentaries screened, dealing with themes such as the Partition, the effects of caste in our country, the treatment of refugees and more. Several other filmmakers such as Basav Biradar and Bani Singh were also in attendance.

The Film Festival proved to be a space that encouraged dialogue and debate. It created a community of people who were able to think critically and analyse each film to uncover the larger themes and ideas it sought to convey.

It was followed by Blue Pencil, SJU NOUS's festival of writing and news arts. The 3-day event was packed with various activities including contests, panel discussions, quizzes, workshops, a film screening, and talks with celebrity journalists including Supriya Nair,

Gautam Shenoy and Rasheed Kappan. The festival ended with Dr Arul Mani in conversation with graphic novelist Joe Sacco. An extremely excited audience joined online to partake in a conversation on the art of telling stories differently. Blue Pencil 2023 ended on an emotional yet cheerful note with plans to carry within ourselves the inspiration and the passion to use our art and our words to make a difference and return stronger than ever.

The Performing Arts Society

Upstage

The fourth edition of The Josephite Theatre Festival, Upstage, happened from April 13-15, 2023. The festival was organised by the Department of English and The Performing Arts Society. The festival began with the inauguration and the Dean

of the School of Languages addressed the gathering. Students from various colleges took part in the intercollegiate theatre festival that was composed of events like short play, Scenematic, Mime, Street play and Long Plays.

SJU, Christ University, Jyoti Nivas College, St Claret's and SSMRV competed and exhibited their theatre skills during the event.

The first event of Day 1 of Upstage was Shorts. 10 short plays were performed, and the audience enjoyed every one of them. CK Meena judged the event.

Day 2 of Upstage began with Scriptor, a discussion where script writers shared their inspiration of the script with the judges. The next event was Mime. SSMRV shocked the crowd with their performance. St Claret's performance was about the love animals have for humans and moved the audience. Long plays were performed by the students of the II MA English of St Joseph's University. The first play combined the ideas of Greek Gods and the importance of forests and freedom. The second play was called and lived up to its name, "Hunger Strike".

The students of III TEP put up a short dance performance that had the audience cheering. The last event of the day was the street play that was put up by the students of SSMRV—the event happened in Aloysius Hall and sent a strong message about cyber bullying.

Overall, Upstage 2023 was a remarkable experience that brought together various individuals from different colleges and gave them a platform to showcase their talents. We can't wait to see what the future holds for The Josephite Theatre Festival.

SJU Quizzers

The Quiz club at SJU completed its first year under the University. The club hosted a variety of quizzes this year, starting with the weekly quizzes, which were student-run themed quizzes set by both office bearers of the quiz club and students who show an interest in setting questions. 15 weekly quizzes were run this year.

Next on the periodical list are "Push-ups" and "Open House". Push-ups is an individual written quiz, which is followed by Open House, an old-school quiz with a twist, where experienced open quizzers are teamed up with college quizzers. These two quizzes happen every fortnight and are run in collaboration with the Karnataka Quiz Association (KQA). The club ran 5 Push-Ups and Open House events this year.

Guesstapo is our online open quiz that occurs on the last Saturday of every

month. This quiz aimed to share the joy for quizzing with participants from outside Bangalore. It was set by Dr Arul Mani in a cryptic format to deter any unquizzier-like spirit. We ran two Guesstapo quizzes. Tie Grab 2023, the quizzing festival, ran from February to April, in collaboration with the Literary Society, Nous, and The Linguistic Society. The event started on February 11, 2023 with OTTaku, our television and OTT quiz, and Bookends, a book quiz sponsored by Bookworm. This was in collaboration with the Literary Society for Meta 2023 - The Josephite Festival of Literature.

SJU Quizzers collaborated with Nous during Blue Pencil 2023 - the Festival of Journalism and News Arts. Quiz programmes started on March 2 with Who News, a news quiz for college students. Then on March 4, we ran two open quizzes: Straplines, a written quiz on media and infotainment industries, and In Foreign Parts, a quiz on travel, business, and foreign affairs.

The season concluded with What's the Good Word, a word games quiz for college students, and two open quizzes, Amor and Tongues, a written quiz on languages, dialects, and linguistics curiosities, followed by Weird-e-Alam, an etymology and wordgame quiz. These were run in collaboration with the Linguistics Society, for SAMæntiks 2023, the linguistics festival.

International Conference on English Teaching: A Report



'Communing towards a pedagogy of hope and transformation', an international conference on English Teaching, was held on June 8-10, 2023, in the De Nobili

Hall, St Joseph's University. The event brought together educators, scholars, and professionals from various fields to explore learning through teaching.

The conference began with Ms Vijetha, of the Department of English, speaking about what got her students engaged in the learning process. She emphasised the power of effective teaching methods in fostering curiosity and passion. Dr Arul Mani, Dean of the School of Languages and Literatures, discussed the National Education Policy (NEP) and its implications. He expressed concern that the NEP was primarily designed with a metropolitan mindset, overlooking unique challenges faced by students in other areas.

Dr Arul Mani said that a key objective of the conference was to equip attendees with the necessary skills to become effective teachers. He asked, "What should we market in a diverse classroom?" This highlighted the need to adapt teaching strategies to accommodate the many backgrounds and learning styles of students.

Plenary sessions featured speakers Dr Srikanth Mallavarapu, Dr Vanamala Vishwanatha, Dr Avinash Thambarisi, Dr SV Srinivas, Ms Aparna Vinod, Dr Charles Tung, and Dr Esra Öztarhan who shared experiences, research findings, and innovative teaching methodologies. Panel discussions saw Dr Cheriyan Alexander and Dr Etienne Rasendran recalling the ELT Community, while members of the Third Eye Portal: Mayookh Barua, Sejal Rathwa, and Durga spoke about negotiating multiple languages in the English classroom.

Researchers from across the country presented papers on teacher ethnographies and opened up questions on artificial intelligence and ChatGPT, impact of lockdown on learning, the effect English language has on culture and on other languages, theatre and performance as teaching methods, and more. Meanwhile, workshops offered by the faculty members explored themes highlighted during the opening speeches.

Dr Mini Mark Bonjour, the HoD of the Department of English, and Dr Arul Mani spoke at the valedictory of the conference, and expressed hope that the conference will become a fixture on the academic calendar.

Department of French

Student Achievement

Kasturi Gulhane of II BBA completed the B1 DELF certification course in July, 2022.

RENDEZ-VOUS

In October 2022, Rendez-Vous hosted three exciting events. First, there was a Quiz Bee, where participants answered questions about French culture, like politics, movies, sports, and music. The quiz had two rounds and was organized with the Quiz Club. Mr. Pramod Harle, an Assistant Professor, led the quiz and included interactive parts like quick answers and fast thinking challenges. The winners were Sheldon Khongjee and Reuben Harold in first place, Kevin Sebastian and Sangeeth Sunil in second, and Vivet D'Silva and Ayush Daga in third. Then, there was a Treasure Hunt, where teams followed clues around the campus. The clues had French words to make it more interesting. All students could join this event. The winners were Eric and Vasundra AS in first place, Sheldon Khonglee and Cammy Dawan Tongper in second, and Neha Khatun and Reshmi Nath in third. Lastly, there was a Halloween Costume Competition. Students got dressed up in spooky outfits and showed off their creativity and scary faces. Many students signed up on the spot. Mr. Franklin Joseph, a former student council member, was the judge. The winners were Steve Allan and Christina. So, Rendez-Vous made October fun with a quiz, treasure hunt, and Halloween costume contest!

Department of German

Die Resonanz

"Die Resonanz" was the inaugural event organized by Treffpunkt, the German association of St Joseph's University. The event aimed to promote appreciation for German language and culture among students and featured three competitions: "Artikel aus Deutschland," an essay contest; "Mysteriöse Suche," a treasure hunt; and "Die Gelehrtenfalle," a quiz challenge. The competitions saw success, with five teams in the treasure hunt, six in the quiz, and five individuals in the essay contest. The event concluded on March 6, 2023, with a closing ceremony graced by esteemed chief guest Dr Kumar Ranganathan, a tech leadership

and innovation management expert with a strong command of German (Goethe C1). The ceremony began with welcoming remarks from the emcee and association coordinator, Ms Srividya, and Ms Gayathri. Dr Ranganathan highlighted the importance of learning a new language, followed by an interactive Q&A session. The prize distribution ceremony acknowledged winners of the competitions and showcased cultural performances, including dance and music by second-year German students.

Department of Hindi

Staff Achievements

Dr Hasan Pathan

Member of Board of Studies, Department of Hindi, at St Joseph's Evening College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, in the academic year 2022-2023.

Edited a book with Dr Chandrashekhar Lamani for UG Hindi Open Electives and all streams across the discipline titled, Bhoomandaleekaran aur Hindi Sahitya (2022), published by Prasara, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University, Vijayapura.

Edited a book with Dr Prabhakaran Hebbar Illath for UG Hindi Open Electives and all streams across the discipline titled, Paryavaran Sambandhi Hindi Sahitya (2022), published by Prasara, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University, Vijayapura.

Edited a book with Dr Prabhakaran Hebbar Illath for UG Hindi Open Electives and all streams across the discipline titled, Sambhashan Kala (2022), published by Prasara, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University, Vijayapura.

Organised a one-day state seminar for UG students titled, 'Research and Critical Thinking Amongst Students' at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Edited a book titled, Dakshin Bharat Mein Hindi published by Adhikaran Parkashan, Delhi.

Authored a book along with Dr Mobin Jahoroddin, titled 19veen sadee Ka Marathi Gadya Sahitya published by Adhikaran Parkashan, Delhi.

Edited the book titled Marathi Sahitya Kaal Evam Pravrttiyaan published by Adhikaran Parkashan, Delhi.

Authored a book along with Dr Mobin Jahoroddin titled Sambhashan Kala Ke Vividh Aayaam published by Adhikaran Parkashan, Delhi.

Published a translation of PL Deshpande's 'Ek Laapata Desh Mein' in Dakshinapatha Patrika,

Mr Satish Honnanagar

Published an article titled "Jaiprakash kadam ki 'No Bar' kahani me abhivyakt Dalit samasya" in Dakshina Path

Published an article titled "Shauraj Singh bechain ki kahaniyon me abhivyakt dalit samasya" in a reputed UGC care listed journal.

Dr Guru Datta

Presented a paper titled, "Revisiting Freedom Struggle in Coastal Karnataka" at a national seminar in University College, Mangalore.

Students Achievements

Divanshi Rohra participated and secured the third prize in self-composed Poetry Reading, jointly organised by Bank of Baroda and Christ University, Bengaluru.

Hindi Parishad

International Hindi Diwas

On January 10, 2023, the Hindi Parishad celebrated International Hindi Diwas with a small celebration in the AV room. The students were addressed regarding the origin and importance of celebrating the day. Dr Hasan Pathan, Head of the Department of Hindi, also introduced the new faculty members to students. This was followed by cake cutting and a small performance along with vote of thanks by Mr Satish, Assistant Professor.

Kavita Sandhya

On January 23, 2023, the Hindi Parishad celebrated Parakram Divas i.e., Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti by conducting a Hindi poetry-writing and recitation competition on the topic of the same. The event was started by the Secretary welcoming the dignitaries and a speech on Parakram Divas by the President of the Hindi Parishad. This was followed by the guest introduction and a speech by the chief guest, Dr Raj Tekdiwal, who spoke about how impactful and moving art and poetry are, and reinforced its relevance in the freedom struggle. All the participants recited their original Hindi poems on the topic. Dr Hasan Pathan, Head of the Department of Hindi, also shared his views on the creative power of poetry and some of his original poems. Results were announced and Swati Mishra from II EJP bagged the

first place, followed by Divanshi Rohra from I OEPY in second. The chief guest shared some of his Hindi poems on the freedom struggle and the event ended with a vote of thanks by Dr Hasan Pathan.

Department of Kannada

Sanchalana 2022-23

On January 23 and 24, 2023, the inter-class cultural fest, Sanchalana-2023 was organised by the Kanada Sangha. With the theme "Bengaluru", the fest began with various pre-event programmes conducted in the Arrupe Atrium and Magis Block. The valedictory programme of the two-day fest was organised in the main auditorium on the evening of January 24. The chief guest was notable actor Chandu Gowda. The rolling trophy of the year, awarded on the basis of the number of participations and prizes won, was won by the III HEP.

Staff Achievements

Dr Poornima B N

Gave guideship to Shwetha A from Hampi University for "Kuvempu matthu Tolstoy kaadambarigala antharsambhandhi adhyayana" on December 12, 2022.

Dr Eraiah Hampapura

Attended a Board of Examination meeting organised by the Department of Kannada on January 28, 2023 at NMKRV College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

Attended a Board of Examination meeting organised by the Department of Kannada on February 2, 2023 at BMS Women's College (Autonomous).

Dr Hanumantharayappa S B

Contributed chapters titled "Uru Keriyolagina Nannuru" and "Bandaya Kavithe Ondhu Vishleshane" for a book titled Nela Paaduke, an anthology by Dr. Madesh N, published by Prathidhawni Prakashana, Bengaluru. He also published a book titled Jalagannadi.

Department of Sanskrit

Inauguration Ceremony

On November 26, 2022, the Department of Samskruta of St Joseph's University, 'Samskruta Tarangini' organised its inaugural ceremony under the guidance of Mr Prasanna SB, Head of the Department of Samskruta. The event aimed to initiate programs presented by the Samskruta

department for the academic year 2022-2023. Chief guests for the event were Mr Ramachandra N U, Assistant Professor of Samskruta, and Dr Shivakumara DC, Assistant Professor of Kannada at Jain (Deemed to be University).

The programme began with an invocation song along with the lighting of the lamps by the guests and staff coordinator. Mr Ramachandra spoke about the benefits of learning Samskruta and its role in improving students' lives. The talk featured a presentation regarding the Vedas, as well as other applications of the language. Dr Shivakumara DC addressed the audience regarding the importance of literature, and the need to ensure that future citizens do not lose out on their language and culture. Mr Prasanna SB spoke of the importance of Samskruta, and the role played by an individual in saving their culture and literature by practising it. The speech was followed by a question and answer session. The guests were given tokens of gratitude, which preceded a cultural programme organised by the students. The event was concluded after the yearly plan was presented and the vote of thanks was given.

Department of Tamil

Tamil Sangam

Pongal Celebration



Tamil Sangam Pongal Celebration for the academic year 2022-23 took place in the auditorium on January 14, 2023. The program started with Tamil Thaa Vaazhthu, a welcome speech and dance. The chief guests for the event were Mr Vikram Arul and Mr Basavaraju, who lit the lamp followed by Ms Arockia Mary, coordinator of the Tamil Sangam. The chief guests were felicitated by the Coordinator and the Vice President of the association. Mr Vikram Arul gave a heartwarming and engaging speech about Samathuva Pongal. A number of cultural events took place, including Oyilaattam, Karagattam, Puliyaattam and Silambaattam, a music band performance,

a stage-play and folk dances. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks and festival greetings to the audience.

Student Achievements

Vimal R (20HEP023) won first prize in the State Level Essay Writing Competition organized by Karnataka Tamil Journalists Association.

Kaviyarasan G (20HEP049) won first prize in State Level Poetry Writing Competition organized by Karnataka Tamil Journalists Association.

ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTE OF COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES

Events organized

Along with the Josephite Media Forum, the department organized 'Industry Insider Series' by Kailash Saraban (Independent Creative Consultant) on January 28, 2023

Staff Achievements

Ms Abirami Govindarajan

Ms Govindarajan attended a seven-day Faculty Development Programme on Holistic Pedagogy organized by Don Bosco College, Bangalore, and Globalethics.net from January 9 to 15, 2023

Mr Maruthu Pandiyan

Mr Pandiyan was credited in the production of the Tamil film Udanpaal

Mr Shabin PK

Mr Shabin PK delivered a guest lecture titled 'The New Media: Opportunities and Platforms' as a resource person at the Department of English, M D College, Pazhani, on February 9, 2022.

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Department of Advanced Computing

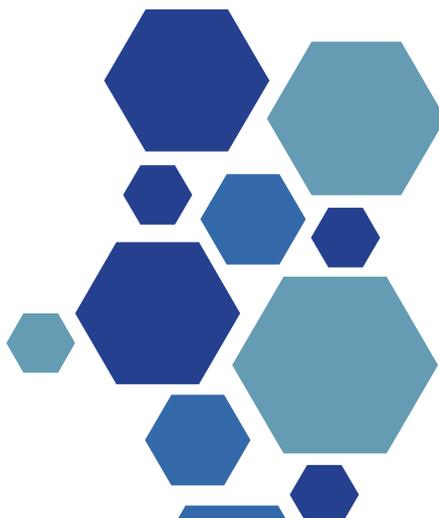
Departmental Activities

Association Inauguration: Sigma Squared

The Department of Advanced Computing inaugurated their association, Sigma Squared, at Xavier Hall, St Joseph's University on February 6, 2023. The event was graced with the presence of the chief guests - Mr Premanand Bhupathy Raju (Analytics and Insights department of TCS), Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ (Director SJIIT), Dr Jayati Bhadra (Head of the Department), Dr Srinivas Bhogle (Visiting Professor), and other faculty members of the department. The association is dedicated to promoting analytics-driven mindset and student engagement through various activities like Podcast Interviews, ADDA sessions and the IT fest - Datagram. Mr Premanand Bhupathy Raju, a veteran of 19 years in Data Science Delivery, Analytics Consulting, Presales and Solutions, shared his views on personnel development and training, industry standards and ethics, etc. The outgoing council introduced the new council members, which was followed by an oath taking ceremony.

Investiture Ceremony: Analytica Association

Analytica Association of the Department of Advanced Computing conducted an investiture ceremony on March 1, 2023. Mr Magesh Srinivan who is a chief mentor and a digital consultant at Uxury was the chief guest. The ceremonial lighting of the lamp was done by the chief guest, Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Dr Jayati Bhadra and Dr Sivakannan. Once the welcome address and objectives were laid out, the chief guest shared his insights about the industry and the growing aspects of Data Science. The presidential speech was given by Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ. The program concluded with an oath taking ceremony where all the core committee members were badged in by the chief guest. The association presented a short trailer of the upcoming flagship fest of Analytica: 'INCOGNITO' to the chief guest and audience.



Seminar on “Importance of Research and Publication in Higher Education”

On February 23, 2023, a seminar took place at PG Lab, St. Joseph’s University, led by Fr. Dr. S Xavier, SJ, the esteemed Director of St. Joseph’s Research Institute. Fr. Xavier, a distinguished personality with extensive experience in research, is renowned for authoring numerous scientific research papers. The seminar focused on various research methodology techniques, including journal selection, UGC requirements, plagiarism checks, intellectual property, and the NIRF framework. Throughout the session, the importance of conducting high-quality research was emphasized, and the students were encouraged to explore innovative ideas and pursue them diligently. Following the seminar, an engaging discussion took place, addressing ethical considerations in research. The topics covered included the necessity for increased collaboration between industry, academia, and government to ensure that research is promoted responsibly and ethically.

ADDA Lecture series



The Department of Advanced Computing had a special session called ADDA – Conversations with Masters. They were honored to have Padma Shri Dr Bimal Kumar Roy as the chief speaker, along with Mr L Ravichandran, founder of AiThoughts.org. The event took place at the MSc Big Data Analytics Lab on March 9, 2023, at 11:00 am.

Dr Bimal Roy, an expert in Statistics and Cryptology, talked about the current state of cryptology in the banking industry and how statistics can be used in everyday life. The session was engaging and filled with fun demonstrations and challenges. Afterward, the students from the MSc BDA (2022-24) batch asked thought-provoking questions, which showed Dr Bimal Roy’s vast knowledge in various statistical topics. The session ended with a vote of thanks.

Datagram 5.0

The Department of Advanced Computing

organized Datagram 5.0, their fifth annual fest, called Sigma Squared Association. This IT fest lasted for two days and had more than 120 participants from five colleges, including Christ University, BMS College of Engineering, REVA University, Mount Carmel College, and the host, St Joseph’s University.

The event was made even more impressive with sponsorship from Unacademic and Lush Resorts, Bengaluru. They set up many stalls in the UG block of the campus. The fest had various exciting events like Bug Hunt (Debugging), Data Gambit (Quiz), Young Data Scientist, Data Quest (Treasure Hunt), Data Dilemma (Debate), BattleZone (Gaming), Event-X (Surprise), and Rewind (Reel making), which saw students from different colleges participating.

The fest began on March 27, 2023, with an inauguration at Xavier’s Hall by the Chief Guest, Mr. Sanjeeb Paul, Senior Manager of B2C Programs at Ethnus. The final rounds of events took place on March 28, 2023. The closing ceremony had Dr. Srinivas Bhogle, Honorary Scientist at CSIR Fourth Paradigm Institute, India, as the Chief Guest.

The overall championship banner was won by Christ University, and the event’s success was a testament to the Department’s excellent planning and event management skills. The hard work and collaboration of PG students and staff of the Department were credited for the event’s success.

Faculty Achievements

Mr Francis Densil Raj V

Mr Densil authored a book titled Artificial Intelligence, published in first edition, under Scientific International Publishing House (SIPH) with ISBN: 978-93-5757-044-2 in February 2023.

He also wrote a book titled Data Structures and Algorithmic Analysis Using Python, published under Scientific International Publishing House (SIPH) with ISBN: 978-93-5757-125-8 in March 2023.

Mr Densil published a patent titled “IoT based Automatic Smart Water Quality Monitoring System for all purpose using Wireless Sensor Networks and Machine Learning Algorithm” with application number: 202341003220 A, and Publication Date: February 17, 2023. He also published a patent titled “Artificial Intelligence based Automatic smart Health care system to prevent and predict by identifying the role of Inflammatory and Angiogenic Mechanisms in Cardiovascular Diseases using Image

processing and Deep Learning Algorithm” with application number: 202341006001 A, and Publication Date: February 24, 2023.

Dr Asha K

Dr Asha wrote a paper titled “Real-estate Housing Market Analytics and Prediction using Bigdata for Post Pandemic era,” which was published in March 2023 in the journal ‘Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems’ indexed in Springer.

As part of the National Service Scheme’s Annual Rural Camp 2022 - 2023, she took students to Ungra Village, Amruthuru Hobli, Kunigal Taluk, Tumkuru district, from March 2 to 4, 2023. This collaboration involved NSS Units 1, 4, and 5.

During the same NSS Annual Rural Camp, Dr Asha gave a talk on ‘Women Empowerment and Gender Equality’ to the residents of Ungra Village, Amruthuru Hobli, Kunigal Taluk, Tumkuru district, on March 2 - 4, 2023. This talk aimed to promote and discuss the importance of empowering women and achieving gender equality.

Ms Jeshma Nishitha D’Souza

Ms D’Souza completed “AI 4ICPS” I HUB Foundation organized by IIT Kharagpur on March 4-19, 2023.

Ms Jayati Kaushik

Mr Kaushik presented a paper for International Conference on Graphs, Networks and Combinatorics (ICGNC 2023) organised by Department of Mathematics, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi on January 10 – 12, 2023.

Student Achievements

Mr Lohith (20BCAB19) presented a paper about using advanced technology to predict the strength of concrete at a conference on Climate Resilient Construction and Building Materials, organized by the National Institute of Technology, Karnataka, Surathkal on March 3-5, 2023.

Mr Musaib Ahmad Khanday (20BCAB32) came in third place in the LOGISTICS GAME event at INCEPTRA 2023, held at Rajagiri College of Management and Applied Science, Kakkanad, Cochin on February 11, 2023.

Ms Preethi Singh (20BCAB47) was selected to represent India in the Inter-University Championship for cricket, playing for the Bengaluru City University

Cricket Team (Women) in the 2022-2023 season.

Ms Adlyn Glenita D'Cunha (221BCADA50) received the Best Supporting Role - Female award at the event SOURABHA during the inter-collegiate drama competition Nataka-Shmashana kurukshetra at Ravindra Kalakshetra on February 4, 2023.

A group of students from II BCADA, including Nandhana V, Shreya Sharma, Balraj Kaur, Kulsum Shabbir, Jasmine A, Ashita M, Lakshmi, Asin F, Jeesa Panja, Varshini P, Amina Sana, and Minal Jain, won the first place in Kho-Kho (Girls) at Pegasus Intramurals, an event organized by SJU on January 18, 2023.

Another group of students from II BCADA, including Shreya Sharma, Balraj Kaur, Kulsum Shabbir, Jasmine A, Ashita M, Lakshmi, Jeesa Panja, Varshini P, Amina Sana, and Minal Jain, won the first place in Football (Girls) at Pegasus Intramurals, an event organized by SJU on January 23, 2023.

Nandhana V (221BCADA06) and Adlyn Glenita D'Cunha (221BCADA50) secured the second place in Cooking Without Fire at the event SANCHALANA 2023, organized by Kannada Sangha, St Joseph's University on January 24, 2023. Slaven Derick Pais (221BCADA51) achieved the third place in Best out of Waste at the event SANCHALANA 2023, organized by Kannada Sangha, St Joseph's University on January 24, 2023.

Department of Computer Science

Events Organized

Syntaxia '23

"Creating opportunities means finding new paths where others aren't looking. This quote perfectly describes the vision and mission of St. Joseph's University. They focus on empowering students to follow their dreams, giving them a voice, and helping them become the best version of themselves in every way. This has led to the start of Syntaxia 2023, a two-day event organized by the Department of Computer Science for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Syntaxia '23 took place on February 23 and 24, 2023, with over 20 technical, non-technical, and gaming events. More than 500 participants from different colleges and universities in the city joined the fest.

The event's inauguration was graced by esteemed chief guests: Mr Vineet Jain (CEO of BlueRose Technologies Private Limited), Mr N C Muniyappa (Former IAS and Principal Secretary, Tourism Department, Government of Karnataka), and Rev Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ (Director of St. Joseph's Institute of Information Technology). The ceremony started with a prayer song by the Josephite choir and a welcome dance performance. The chief guests lit the ceremonial lamp to mark the beginning of the occasion.

Mr Vineet Jain delivered an insightful keynote lecture on recent developments in computer science and emphasized the importance of skills in students' lives. Rev Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, gave a thought-provoking speech about being prepared for the uncertain world and future. Mr N C Muniyappa encouraged students to become agents of positive change in society through public service.

The ceremony ended with a Vote of Thanks by the host, Mr Siddharth, around 11 am."

National Tech Summit TECHX

St. Joseph's Institute of Information Technology organized a special event called "TECHx: Decoding the Future of IT & Innovation," which was a big technology summit. It happened for the first time on March 30, 2023. The summit brought together important people like technology experts, academics, industry leaders, and students to talk about the latest trends and innovations in Information Technology.

The summit had different experts who gave talks on various topics. Mr Rajesh Rao spoke about the connection between IT and games, combining creativity, innovation, and technology. Mr Nikhil Bhatt talked about "5G & Beyond," and Mr Brian Pais discussed the evolution of technology, including AI, Chat GPT Impact, and SAP ERP.

The event was attended by professionals, students, teachers, and entrepreneurs interested in IT. It was a great opportunity for people to learn from experts about the latest trends and best practices in the IT industry. More than 1000 students from different colleges attended the summit in the University Auditorium.

For students, the TECHx summit was a special chance to interact with industry leaders and learn about possible career paths in the technology field. They could network, ask questions, and discover new and exciting technologies that will shape the future of the industry.

Faculty Achievements

Patents

Dr Nithya wrote a research paper titled "Protective Lab Table using Nanotechnology." The paper was published in The Patent Office Journal on March 4, 2023.

Research and Publications

Ms Mrinmoyee published a paper titled "A Dynamic Approach for Parameter Tuning in Genetic Algorithm using Crossover and Mutation Ratios." This paper was published in The Indonesian Journal of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, a Scopus-indexed journal, with p-ISSN: 2502-4752 and e-ISSN: pp. 2502-4760.

Dr BJ Hubert Shanthan was part of Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems and published a paper titled 'AROSTEV: A Unified Framework to Enhance Secure Routing in IoT Environment.' The paper was published in LNNS, Vol. 399.

Lastly, **Dr BG Prasanthi** and **Dr B Nithya** co-authored a paper titled "Design of Automatic Curtain System Controlled by Wireless based on TB6600 Stepper Motor Driver and MQTT." This paper was published in The Journal of Basic Sciences, which is a Scopus-indexed journal.

FDPs and Workshops Attended

All the teachers in the Computer Science Department finished an online two-week refresher course from March 12 to 27, 2023.

Dr BG Prasanthi and **Dr Nithya B** completed a course on 'Network and Cyber Security' at Allison: Empower Yourself on March 25, 2023.

As a Resource Person

Dr BG Prasanthi was invited to be the internal guide to evaluate a PhD thesis at Bharatiyar University, Coimbatore.

On March 24, 2023, Dr BG Prasanthi served as a session chair for the international conference on 'Recent trends and development in computer science' held at JAIN University.

Ms Banu and **Ms Sara Kutty T K** were both Online Facilitators for a Web Design course for JWJL Students.

Ms Banu was invited as a resource person for the Women's Day Celebrations at St Alphonsis College on March 8, 2023. She also acted as the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) representing SJU for Infosys Spring Board.

Additionally, Ms Banu served as an

Online Guest Lecturer and Facilitator for Creighton University, USA, teaching Data Structures and Algorithms using Java Programming from March 13 to May 6, 2023.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Student/Team Achievements



Kushee M Jain, with the registration number 20EPS033, participated in the 16th Floorball Championship for the open category (Men and Women) held at ITM University, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh from 15th to 17th January 2023, where she won a Silver Medal and received the title of “Best Player of the Tournament.” The Men’s Football team participated in the CFL Football tournament organized by CMS Jain from 16th to 19th January 2023, where they secured the position of Runners-up.



Tarushi Vikram, 222BZ15, participated in the MRF Saloon Car Championship held at the Madras International Circuit, Chennai, from January 21-22, 2023. She secured the 9th position overall and achieved the 2nd position in the Ladies category. She also participated in the Asphalt Traxx III competition held by Ablaze Motorsports Club and FMSCI on April 29, 2023, at Aruani Grid, Sarjapur

Road. She achieved remarkable results, securing the 1st position in the Prostock Ladies’ Open Category and the 3rd position in the Prostock 1: Upto 1400CC Category.



Sam D Simon, 221BCOMD010, participated in the State level Taekwondo Poomsae Championship held from January 20-22, 2023, organized by Bangalore Rural District and Karnataka Taekwondo Association. He achieved four Gold medals in the Junior male category, specifically in Kyorugi (fighting) Under 78kg, individual Poomsae, group Poomsae, and pair Poomsae. His outstanding performance earned him the opportunity to represent Karnataka in the National level Taekwondo Poomsae Championship held in Vizaq.

Pegasus - Intramural 2022-2023 - Phase - 2

At Pegasus, in the Men’s Basketball tournament, III Year BCOM D team emerged as the winners, while the III year BA IES team secured the runner-up position. Additionally, III year BCOM A team achieved the 2nd runner-up position. The Women’s Basketball tournament saw III year CMS emerge as the winners, while I ECST (Bsc Eco & Stat) secured the runner-up position. The II HEP team achieved the 2nd runner-up position. In the Men’s Cricket tournament, II HEP team emerged as the winners, while I BCOM C secured the runner-up position and III HEP achieved the 2nd runner-up position. In the Women’s Cricket tournament, III BCA DA won first place, I JIN came in second, and III CMS team came in third. In the Men’s Kho-Kho tournament, III HEP team won first place, I BBA B came in second, and II BBA A team came in third. In the Women’s Kho-Kho tournament, I BCA DA won first place, III CMS came in second, and III BCOM A came in third. In the Men’s Volleyball tournament, III BCA DA secured the top position, while I BBA

B achieved the second position. III IES came in third. In the Women’s Volleyball tournament, III BCOM A team won first place, I BCOM D team came in second, and III TEP team finished third, making it an exciting and intense competition. In the Men’s Kabaddi tournament, the II CBZ team won first place, the III BCOM B team came in second, and the I BBA B team finished third, making it an exciting competition. The Women’s Kabaddi tournament was won by the I MST team, followed by I MA Political Science as the runner-up, and III HEP as the 2nd runner-up. The tournament exhibited competitive spirit and the enthusiasm of the participating teams. In the Men’s Football tournament, I and II JIP / JIN team won first place, III PCM team came in second, and the II EMS team finished third. The Women’s Football tournament concluded with the I BCA DA team emerging as the winners. III BVC put up a strong fight and showcased their determination, securing the runner-up position. III BBA B team fought hard and finished as the 2nd runner-up.

Sportstakes

The intercollegiate sports competition conducted by St Joseph’s University witnessed an exciting clash of talents across various games. In Badminton (Men), Christ BGR emerged victorious, while SJU secured the runner-up position, and BNMIT claimed the 2nd runner-up spot. In Badminton (Women), SJU showcased their skills and became the winners, with Christ as the runners-up, and Kristu Jayanti securing the 2nd runner-up position. The Basketball (Men) category saw Christ University as the winners, while SJU finished as the runners-up, and SJCC claimed the 2nd runner-up spot. In Basketball (Women), MCC emerged as the champions, with SJCC securing the runners-up position and JNC taking the 2nd runner-up spot.



The Football (Men) category was dominated by Christ University as the winners, with CMS as the runners-up and SJU as the 2nd runner-up. In Football (Women), Reva University took the top position, followed by Christ as the runners-up, and JNC securing the 2nd

runner-up spot.

In Handball (Men), SJU emerged victorious, with Patel Institution securing the runners-up position, and Amrita as the 2nd runner-up. In Handball (Women), BMSCW claimed the top position, while SJU finished as the runners-up and Ramaiah secured the 2nd runner-up spot. The Kabaddi (Men) category saw REVA University as the winners, SJU as the runners-up, and Sindhi College in the 2nd runner-up spot. In Kabaddi (Women), BMSCW emerged as the champions, followed by SJU as the runners-up and BMSCE securing the 2nd runner-up spot. Christ University dominated in Kho-Kho (Men) as the winners, followed by SJU as the runners-up and BMSCE as the 2nd runner-up. In Kho-Kho (Women), BMSCW took the top position, while MLAC secured the runners-up position, and Christ University claimed the 2nd runner-up spot.

In Table Tennis (Men), Christ University emerged as the winners, with SJU as the runners-up and SJCC securing the 2nd runner-up spot. In Table Tennis (Women), SJCC took the top position, followed by SJU as the runners-up and Montfort College as the 2nd runner-up.

The Throwball (Men) category saw Kristu Jayanti as the winners, followed by SJU as the runners-up and Seshadripuram securing the 2nd runner-up spot. In Throwball (Women), SJU claimed the top position, followed by BMSCW as the runners-up and SJCC as the 2nd runner-up.

In Volleyball (Men), Surana College emerged as the winners, followed by Christ as the runners-up and SJU securing the 2nd runner-up spot. In Volleyball (Women), BMSCW claimed the top position, followed by SJU as the runners-up and Christ University securing the 2nd runner-up spot.

In Carrom Singles (Men), SJU took the top position, with SJU as the runners-up and Vijaya College the 2nd runner-up spot. In Carrom Singles (Women), RBANMS FGC emerged as the champions, followed by Indian Academy as the runners-up and SJU as the 2nd runner-up. In Carrom Doubles, SJU's duo Vignesh and Anush secured the top position, with RBANMS FGC's team Dinesh and Shainy as the runners-up and SJU's duo Manoj and John Paul as the 2nd runner-up.

In Chess (Men), Christ University emerged victorious, with Christ BGR as the runners-up, and Christ University as the 2nd runner-up. In Chess (Women), Christ BGR secured the top position, followed by Jyoti Nivas as the runners-up



and St. Francis as the 2nd runner-up.

ARRUPE LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTRE

Faculty Development Training Programmes

The Arrupe Library & Information Centre in collaboration with St Joseph's Research Institute has conducted a Faculty Development Training Programmes (FDTP) on Use and Application of Plagiarism Detection Software on January 14, 2023.

The Arrupe Library & Information Centre and the PG Department of Environmental Science organized workshops and invited talks during the year.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Shivakumar T C (University Librarian)

Dr Shivakumar T C successfully completed and was awarded with A+ Grade in a UGC-sponsored refresher

course on 'ICT Application in Libraries: Planning and Implementation' held from January 9 to February 2, 2023.

Dr Shivakumar T was invited as a resource person by St Xavier College, Jaipur, Rajasthan, for a talk on 'Research and Plagiarism Tools for Publication' on March 25, 2023.

Mr Premkumar (Assistant Librarian)

Mr Premkumar attended a two-day workshop on 'Hypotheses formulation and techniques of data analysis' organized by DLISc, Mysore University, on January 27, 2023.

UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATIONS

Women's Cell

Menstrual Health and Hygiene

The Women's Cell, in collaboration with the Global Hunt Foundation and Unicharm India, organized an online talk titled "Menstrual Health and Hygiene" on January 29, 2022. Ms Nitya Choudhary, the Corporate Social Responsibility Executive of Unicharm India, conducted an interactive session aimed at raising awareness about menstrual health and hygiene practices. She provided valuable insights into the do's and don'ts during the menstrual cycle, dispelling various myths surrounding menstrual hygiene. Approximately 100 students actively participated in the session, engaging with the topic and asking questions. The speaker was introduced by Dr Neelam Mishra, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr Anchal Singhal. Serving as the emcee was Dr Ami Joshi, Assistant Coordinator. Among the attendees were Dr Shanty Mathew, the Convenor of the Women's Cell, and other members of the Women's Cell, including Dr Daisy, Dr Kavya, Ms Ayesha, and Dr Ozma.

Women's Day Celebrations

The Women's Cell, Shift III, organized an inspiring celebration for International Women's Day on March 8, 2023, at 5:00 pm in the University auditorium. The event featured thought-provoking discussions, a guest talk, and cultural performances.

Panel Discussion: A panel of second-semester student representatives from various undergraduate and postgraduate courses discussed this year's UN theme for International Women's Day - 'DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality.' Ms Sumeeta Chanda, MA English; Mr Joshua Antonio Raposo, MA English; Mr Mohammed Umar Farooq, BA; and Ms Aayesha Dey, BA, explored dimensions of technology and its impact on gender equality. The discussion covered unequal access to technology, cyber censorship, and crimes against women, while also acknowledging positive aspects such as opportunities for work-from-home and online platforms for unionization.

Guest Talk: Ms. Geeta Menon, Founder

of Stree Jagruti Samiti, delivered an insightful talk on discrimination faced by women with diverse intersectional identities. Her focus on the rights of domestic workers and challenges related to technological surveillance through applications like MyGate sparked engaging discussions with the students.

Cultural Programme: Students from the Dance Association, Sehnaz, and Haafiza delivered a wonderful dance performance. Ms Bharathi and her team from Shift III UG presented a thought-provoking mime highlighting various forms of gender-based violence.

The International Women's Day celebrations at St. Joseph's University provided a platform for meaningful discussions and expressions of solidarity in the journey towards gender equality.

NSS UNIT 1

National Youth Week

Kicking off the new semester on January 16, 2023, Loyola Hall welcomed volunteers for an engaging session. The first-year volunteers received a comprehensive introduction to SEC classes, while also having their queries addressed. Dividing the 75 volunteers into 12 teams, a group activity was organized, encompassing themes reflecting the qualities of youth, including communication, education, patience, self-control, and more. This interactive initiative aimed to foster a deeper understanding of youth skills and values through role plays, discussions, and engaging activities.

Government Schemes

Initiating the Wednesday batch volunteers into SEC classes, Mr Leander conducted an event on January 18, 2022, from 1:30 pm to 4:15 pm in Loyola Hall. The session commenced with an overview of SEC classes, followed by an engaging presentation led by Mr Leo, the emcee, introducing the topic to the 70 volunteers. The volunteers were divided into groups and embarked on a dynamic treasure hunt-style game to explore and comprehend various government schemes.

Accompanied by a seminar delivered by Indian Activist Ms Akkai Padmashali, the event culminated in informative chart presentations from each group.

Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

Convened on January 23, 2022, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in the basement of Loyola Hall auditorium, this event witnessed the participation of Monday batch students and second and third-year volunteers. Mr Sagar, the emcee, set the stage for the event and the volunteers were divided into groups for an engaging creative activity involving the creation of bookmarks with slogans and illustrations addressing drug abuse and illicit trafficking. The event concluded with presentations, a glimpse into the role of UNODC, and the teaching of the NSS clap.

Unity in Diversity

Celebrating the theme of unity in diversity, the fourth event of the semester took place on January 25, 2022, from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm in Loyola Hall. The volunteers were welcomed for the session, which commenced with a nonverbal group activity symbolizing collaboration and unity. This was followed by a creative skit-building exercise, where volunteers collaboratively developed skits based on topics assigned to them. The event served as a vibrant celebration of diverse perspectives and harmonious coexistence.

Republic Day

January 26, 2022, witnessed a grand Republic Day celebration in the university grounds, attended by NSS volunteers, NCC cadets, and members of various associations. The event commenced with the unfurling of the national flag and the singing of the national anthem, followed by the administration of the national pledge by the Vice Chancellor. Dignitaries addressed the gathering, and special recognitions were conferred on NCC cadets. The day concluded with a lowering of the national flag, symbolizing the culmination of a solemn and patriotic celebration.

Martyr's Day

Martyr's Day, also known as Shaheed Diwas, holds significance on various dates in India. Notably, March 23 commemorates the sacrifice of Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru, and Sukhdev Thapar, who were executed by the British government. Additionally, January 30 marks Martyr's Day, dedicated to the memory of Mahatma Gandhi. A gathering of 70 volunteers convened on January 30, 2022, from 1:30 to 3:45 pm in the auditorium basement, to honor this solemn occasion. The volunteers engaged in two distinct activities - depicting sketches of freedom fighters and partaking in face painting. The event, a testament to unity and remembrance, witnessed active participation from Unit One volunteers. The first hour witnessed an introduction and sketching session, while the subsequent hour was dedicated to vibrant face painting, yielding captivating outcomes from skilled artists.

NSS UNIT 2

Walkathon

"Walkathon," was conducted on February 1, 2023. NSS volunteers from St Joseph's University attended the Gandhi Smarana Gandhi Naman program at Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, organized by the Government of Karnataka. During this program, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai conveyed insights about the life and values of Mahatma Gandhi, extolling his humanitarian legacy. Basavaraj Bommai lauded Mahatma Gandhi's indelible influence on India's global reputation, particularly post-World War II. The Chief Minister underlined the relevance of Gandhi's principles and urged society to embrace his teachings of non-violence and virtue. Emphasizing the transformative journey of Mahatma Gandhi, the program resonated with the volunteers, evoking a commitment to uphold these values within their community.

Cleanliness Drive

On February 1, 2023, NSS UNIT-2 undertook a cleanliness drive, fostering an awareness of hygiene and cleanliness. Volunteers embarked on a mission outside the campus, venturing to a nearby post office and park. Divided into two groups, each group assumed distinct responsibilities. The post office witnessed

a thorough cleaning, with diligent efforts to arrange files, rectify disorder, and even construct a wall using available materials. Simultaneously, the park received meticulous attention, addressing litter and debris to enhance the overall environment.

National Integration Camp (Mysore)

NSS volunteers hailing from diverse states converged at the NSS Bhavan in Mysuru for a six-day National Integration Camp. The inaugural ceremony was graced by officials from the University of Mysuru. The participants were organized into teams named after prominent rivers, such as Ganga, Yamuna, Kaveri, Sindhu, Brahmaputra, and Kapila. The camp's itinerary included a range of activities, including lectures on personality development, captivating group performances, and engaging competitions. A series of engaging sessions encompassing diverse themes, including Swami Vivekananda's philosophy, underscored the camp's focus on holistic growth and societal harmony.

Food for Needy & Health and Well-Being

Under the banner of "Food for Needy & Health and Well-Being," NSS UNIT-2 initiated a two-fold initiative on February 8, 2023. The dual objective was to alleviate hunger and enhance health awareness within the community. Volunteers contributed by preparing nourishing meals, which were subsequently distributed to those in need. Volunteers ventured into various aspects of health through creative videos and reels, enriching their understanding and fostering a culture of well-being.

Menstrual Myths

With the event "Menstrual Myths," NSS UNIT-2 addressed a critical and often overlooked aspect of women's health. Convened on February 8, 2023, the event sought to dispel prevalent myths and misconceptions surrounding menstruation. Through discussions, videos, and shared experiences, the event aimed to eradicate stigmas and foster informed dialogue on menstruation.

First Aid Awareness

Taking place on February 20, 2023, in collaboration with UNIT-1, this awareness campaign emphasized the

significance of first aid in emergency situations. Participants were educated on fundamental first aid techniques and procedures, equipping them with essential skills to respond effectively in times of crisis. The event featured informative presentations and hands-on demonstrations, empowering volunteers to address emergencies with confidence and competence.

March Past



In a dynamic display of unity and pride, NSS volunteers participated in the sports day celebrations hosted by St Joseph's University on February 17, 2023. Representing the civilian contingent in a crisp white dress code, volunteers added vibrancy and energy to the event. Marching in harmony alongside NCC participants and fellow students, the NSS volunteers symbolized dedication and discipline.

Disaster Management

NSS UNIT-2 organized a Disaster Management campaign on February 20, 2023, in collaboration with UNIT-1. This event aimed to raise awareness about disaster preparedness, response, and recovery strategies. Through informative sessions, interactive demonstrations, and practical training, volunteers were equipped with essential knowledge and skills to mitigate the impact of disasters. The campaign emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts involving various stakeholders and showcased NSS's dedication to fostering resilience and safety within the community.

Social Justice Event

On February 22, 2023, NSS UNIT-2 conducted a social justice event with the primary objective of advancing equitable rights and prospects for marginalized and oppressed communities. Commencing with an introduction to the concept of social justice, the volunteers were grouped for discussions and enactment of street plays that revolved around various pressing social concerns such as gender

parity, education, reservation, child marriage, disability, prejudice, bullying, racial discrimination, and caste-based bias. Through these street performances, the volunteers addressed precise issues affecting these communities, underscoring effective solutions to surmount these challenges.

NSS Annual Rural Camp



From February 26 to March 5, 2023, the NSS Annual Rural Camp comprised of many activities. The inaugural day involved students unloading their belongings, sharing a meal with panchayat members, gathering firewood, and engaging in a cultural presentation. The following day commenced with a morning exercise, accompanied by the hoisting of the flag, breakfast, and hands-on labor. Progressing to the third day, volunteers actively participated in manual labor, organized a sports day for local schoolchildren, and partook in cultural festivities. Subsequent days included tasks such as village cleanup, sustained manual work, tree planting, and a medical camp. The sixth day featured involvement in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, coupled with awareness initiatives and cultural happenings. The final day marked a morning exercise, insightful feedback and a farewell session among other cultural programmes.

Women's Day Celebration



On March 8, 2023, NSS UNIT-2 celebrated "Women's Day". The main goal was to honor and recognize women's achievements worldwide in areas like society, economy, culture, and politics.

The event also aimed to raise awareness about the ongoing fight for fairness between genders and strongly support women's rights. Volunteers gathered at the chosen location. A noticeable split occurred: women attended a self-defense workshop to learn ten essential techniques to protect themselves from abuse and violence, while men prepared heartfelt greetings for women. After the self-defense training, there was a cake-cutting ceremony, marking an important moment for women. Then, women received custom-made greeting cards from the men, filled with meaningful quotes that made them smile and think. The event ended with a lively photo session.

Amrita Swabimani Kurigahi Yojana Inauguration

On March 23, 2023, an important event took place to launch four key programs under the "Amrita Swabimani Kurigahi Yojana," overseen by the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Basavaraj Bommai. The event began with the chief guest's arrival, followed by the state's anthem and a traditional song. A brief welcome and introduction introduced the attendees to the special guests. The organizers explained each program's significance and details, highlighting their important roles in improving society.

The programs were:

1. Swami Vivekananda Yuva Shakthi
2. Shree Samarthyta Yojana
3. Vidhya Nidhi
4. Amra Swabimani Kurigahi

Successful fundraising made these programs possible, collecting a significant amount of money to support targeted improvements. The programs were carefully designed to enhance specific areas, encouraging positive changes and reducing harmful practices. The Chief Minister explained these programs in detail, using audio-visual materials to showcase the organization's efforts. The event concluded by distributing the funds to the designated associations, supporting their progress. Gratitude was expressed, followed by a vote of thanks.

Water for Voiceless Fundraiser



On March 27, 2023, the Water for Voiceless organization hosted a fundraising event. The main goal was two-fold: to raise awareness and gather funds for their important mission of providing clean water to communities in need and supporting animal welfare. This event was a joint effort with the National Service Scheme and brought together committed volunteers.

The event began with a brief tribute to the "Spider Man of Bangalore," followed by a thoughtful opening speech. The NSS anthem played, setting a meaningful tone for the event. After the anthem, the event's important figures were introduced, explaining their roles. They explained the significance and origin of "Water for Voiceless," highlighting how it transforms the lives of both people and animals. The main guest spoke passionately about the connection between protecting the environment and showing compassion to animals. The event's key feature was showing videos that revealed the challenges animals face when they lack water. These videos, along with compelling images and stories, aimed to evoke empathy and a sense of responsibility. The event included honoring the dignitaries, and it concluded with the Water for Voiceless association distributing pots.

Namma Bangalore Icons Unveiling

On March 28, 2023, an event called "Namma Bangalore Icons" took place, organized by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). The purpose of the event was to introduce inspiring figures who could motivate people to get more involved in the upcoming general elections. These individuals, who had achieved success in various fields, were meant to inspire and encourage people to learn about voting and take part in the Karnataka assembly general elections. Volunteers who were passionate about this cause gathered at the venue. The event started with a welcoming speech, followed by a presentation that highlighted the achievements and impact of a distinguished Bangalore icon. Respected guests shared their first voting experiences, explaining how this civic right is a powerful tool for shaping policies and representing collective interests. There was a musical performance by Mohan sir that added to the atmosphere, followed by a photo session. A question-and-answer session helped volunteers better understand the electoral process.

and become more engaged. The event ended with the commissioner thanking the dignitaries for their important role in making the event a success.

Josephite Choir



During the month of January, the Choir achieved first place in TROIKA, the annual competition held by CSI Holy Trinity Church. Additionally, they showcased their talents during the Easter program organized by the SDA Central English Adventist Church. Throughout the year, the choir actively participated in numerous programs and events hosted by the University, as well as various associations and groups affiliated with the University.

Indian Dance Association

During the months of January and February 2023, the team, known as NEXUS, actively took part in the Indian group dance and classical solo dance events organized by Jain University. Throughout the competitions, the members of Mrityunjaya showcased remarkable skill, creativity, and dedication.

Western Dance Association J Street

Destiny

The national level competition was held at Phoenix mall in Chennai on February 5, 2023, which featured qualifying rounds with over 200 participating teams. Only 12 teams advanced to the semi-finals, and from there, six college teams competed in the finals. J street emerged victorious by securing first place and earning the distinction of being the top college crew in India.

Pulse

Jain University organized Pulse, an

inter college fest, on February 7, 2023, which saw the participation of 11 teams. The performances were evaluated by a distinguished choreographer hailing from Mumbai. J street poured their hearts into their performance and were declared the winners.

Nexus

In 2023, our team's winning momentum persisted as we took part in Nexus, an inter-college fest hosted by Jain College on JC Road. The competition featured the familiar lineup of 11 teams, but with a new judge assigned to evaluate the performances. On February 8, 2023, J street secured our third consecutive victory in Nexus, further cementing their success in the year.

Udhhbhav

J street joined the Udhhbhav competition at Jyoti Nivas College on February 11, 2023. The event featured a total of eight teams, and the team participated in both the battle and group dance categories. Balancing both performances simultaneously posed a significant challenge, but the team clinched the first-place position in the group dance category. Additionally, the team's exceptional skills led them to the semi-finals of the 1v1 battle, marking yet another remarkable achievement. In the end, their outstanding performances across the board contributed to a well-deserved first place victory at Udbhav.

Mirage - Fashion Spectrum'23

J street had an interesting journey in Mirage - Fashion Spectrum'23, held at the National Institute of Fashion Technology in Chennai. Despite a delayed train and thus an uncertain day of competition, the team delivered an outstanding performance and secured the runners-up position, claiming second place in the event held on March 24, 2023.

Riveria - Frisk Factor

Following the team's successful performance at NIFT Chennai, they immediately journeyed to Vellore Institute of Technology to participate in the Riveria - Frisk Factor competition on February 18, 2023. Despite the demanding schedule, the team delivered an outstanding performance in front of an audience exceeding 8000 people. Competing against 18 other teams, the team secured first place in the competition.

Christ University, Kengeri

The team participated in another Bangalore Fest, which took place at Christ University in Kengeri on March 3, 2023. Competing against seven other teams, all striving for the top spot, J street were announced as the winners, securing first place once again.

Krupanidhi Institutions

The dance competition held at Krupanidhi Institutions on March 4, 2023, featured five teams, showcasing various dance styles. Despite the limited number of competitors, the team displayed exceptional skill and were declared the winners.

St Joseph's College of Commerce

Excitement filled the air as the team participated in the dance competition at St Joseph's College of Commerce on March 3, 2023. With a total of eight teams competing, the team performed last but emerged victorious, claiming the first-place position.

Furor, Dayananda Sagar College

On March 6, 2023, the team competed in the dance competition Furor at Dayananda Sagar College. The competition included 9-10 teams. J street secured the first-place position.

IIIT Sri City, Chittoor

Despite an 8-hour journey, the team made it to IIIT Sri City, Chittoor in time for their performance on March 8, 2023, thanks to the organizers' willingness to accommodate them. With seven teams hailing from colleges in Chennai and Andhra, J street performed well to secure the first place as was evaluated by an international choreographer.

Indian Academy Degree College

On April 20, 2023, the team showcased their talents at Indian Academy Degree College. Competing against five teams, they were judged by a renowned film dance choreographer and won first place.

Battle Yea Skills (Privately Hosted) - National Level



On April 14, 2023, the team participated in the professional category of Battle Yea Skills competition, where nation's finest teams from across the country competes against each other. Judged by Himanshu from Mumbai, the performance yielded a positive result, earning them the second-place position.

The team also performed at the Under25 Summit on March 5, 2023.

MIMA

Culah

Mount Carmel College hosted the exciting event, Culah, on February 3 and 4, 2023. MIMA actively participated and achieved remarkable results by securing first place in Ice Breakers, second place in Knives Out, third place in Mime, and third place in Mad Ads.

Scintillation



Jyoti Nivas Pre-University College organized Scintillation on February 15 and 16, 2023. MIMA participated in multiple categories and secured first place in Mad Ads, third place in Street Play, and second place in Toasted.

Spectrum

A highly anticipated event, Spectrum, was held at the prestigious National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) on March 15 and 16, 2023. MIMA secured the second place in Street Play and emerged as the winners in the Mime category. Additionally, two teams participated in

Mad Ads, securing the second and third place positions respectively.

Christian Students' Association

The group gathered on January 16, 2023, at Loyola Hall to celebrate the New Year. Students showcased their talent through captivating song performances and were inspired by a meaningful speech emphasizing the importance of centering their lives on Jesus Christ.

CSA's active participation in diverse events and activities has not only provided a platform for students to display their talents but also fostered growth in faith and community. The association is dedicated to serving the college community and creating a nurturing environment where Christian students can continue to flourish in their faith.

Northeast Student and Tibetan Students Forum

Food Fest

The Northeast and Tibetan Students Forum successfully hosted its annual Food Fest, a celebration that showcased the vibrant cultures of India's northeastern region through its diverse culinary traditions. The event took place on February 27, 2023, and commenced at 10:45 am at the University Ground, with the esteemed presence of the chief guest Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro-Chancellor of St. Joseph's University.

The Food Fest became a captivating confluence of culinary heritages from the heart of the Northeast region. Over 10 different stalls were set up, each dedicated to presenting the traditional cuisines of the Seven Sister States, along with the unique flavors of Darjeeling, Ladakh, and Tibet. Students and faculty had the delightful opportunity to savor delicacies like sha haley and laphing from Tibet, as well as the ever-popular momos from Darjeeling. For the convenience of students, some stalls offered preset meals for lunch.

The fest proved to be a resounding success, attracting a sizable crowd of students who indulged in their favorite delicacies throughout the day. It served as a vibrant platform for fostering cultural exchange and appreciation through the universal language of food.

Footprints 2023

Footprints 2023, the fourteenth edition of the Northeast and Tibetan Students Forum's annual cultural fest, brought the rich heritage of the Northeastern region to life on stage. The event, held on April 29, 2023, at 06:00 pm, featured performances of music, dance, skits, and folktales, showcasing the vibrant cultures of the Seven Sister States, along with Darjeeling, Ladakh, and Tibet.

The chief guest for the evening was Shri Rakkam A Sangma, Hon'ble Minister for Education of Meghalaya. In his address, he emphasized the significance of such events in fostering unity and celebrating India's diverse cultural tapestry. The event was also graced by the presence of Most Rev Dr Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore, Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice Chancellor, and Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Pro Vice Chancellor. The cultural extravaganza featured a variety of performances, including the Snow Lion Dance from Tibet, soulful songs from Meghalaya and Assam, dynamic band music from Manipur, and a Fashion Show displaying traditional clothing from different regions of the Northeast. Additionally, there were guest performances from the states of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, adding to the diversity of the event. The event's success was attributed to the commendable efforts of Mr. Avishek Suman, Staff Coordinator, Br. Reuell, SJ, and the council members, who worked tirelessly to ensure a seamless organization.

PANA

The Alumni Association's Centenary Special Postal Cover was unveiled on February 4, 2023. This occasion bestows upon St Joseph's University the distinguished honor of being an esteemed educational institution in Karnataka to boast not just one, but two special commemorative postal covers, in addition to a commemorative postage stamp along with its accompanying First Day Cover. The new year witnessed the convening of the Annual Numismatics (Coins) Workshop on January 28, 2023, followed by a study session centered around "Postal Covers Associated with St Joseph's University" held on February 8, 2023. Further academic pursuits led members to actively participate in the 14th National Numismatics Exhibition hosted in Bengaluru during February 2023.

The winners of the 2023 'PAN Quiz'

which took place in April are-

Philately (Postage Stamps)

I Prize: Sangeetha Sandra Pais

II Prize: Regan Rodrigues

III Prize: Abdul Qadir AC

Consolation Prize: Vamshi Krishna

Philately (Postal Stationery)

I Prize: Edric G Tellis

II Prize: John Shobith

Numismatics (Coins)

I Prize: Deepak Kannan

II Prize: Caroline Judi

III Prize: A Allen

Consolation Prize: Nikhil P

Numismatics (Currency Notes)

I Prize: Abhishek Lingaraj

II Prize: Sangeetha Sandra Pais

III Prize: Vamshi Krishna

Consolation Prize: John Shobith

Best Philatelist of SJU: Ms Sangeetha Sandra Pais

Best Numismatist of SJU: Deepak Kannan

AICUF

Outreach to Bettada Halasuru

Guided by Fr Francis D'Almeida, SJ, Campus Director, and Ms Gisa George, Faculty Representative, AICUF, volunteers embarked on an outreach program to Bettada Halasuru on April 10 and 11, 2023. Accompanied by Ms Arpita and Mr Salman, the volunteers devoted their efforts to making a positive difference in the lives of the local community.

Campus Ministry

Ignitors

IGNITORS, the Integral Formation Programme for the academic year 2022-23, was designed for students of St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, and aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP). It aimed to help students enhance their skills and earn one credit per semester under the Skill Enhancement Category. The KJES Youth Works collaborated with the Campus Ministry of SJU to organize this initiative. Ignitors 2023 took place from January 16-24, 2023, at St Joseph's University. The programme was planned

by the Ignitors Committee in partnership with the Campus Ministry and Bembala Outreach Team. Skilled speakers enriched the sessions, contributing to the students' cognitive and ethical growth. The program included 70 voluntary resource personnel conducting six sessions each over two days, accommodating students from different shifts. Alongside informative sessions, students enjoyed various in-class and extracurricular activities, making the learning experience both enlightening and enjoyable.

Observance of St Joseph's Feast

Marking the commemoration of St Joseph's Feast, St Joseph's University held an event on March 21, 2023, within the university auditorium at 12:30 pm. The solemn Eucharistic ceremony was presided over by Dr (Fr) Joe Xavier SJ, the Director of Indian Social Institute, Bangalore, who has dedicated his service to the Society of Jesus, particularly in support of refugees. Dr Xavier delivered a speech on the life and virtues of St Joseph, inspiring all in attendance. As the mass neared its conclusion, Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, the Pro Chancellor, and Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, the Vice Chancellor, addressed the assembly, offering their reflections. The event ended with a vote of gratitude by Dr Alan Godfrey, the Head of the Department of Social Work.

NCC

The Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat-II camp 2023, organized by 38 KAR Battalion in Gadag, took place at PRTC Toranagallu from January 16-27, 2023, welcoming cadets from Karnataka, Goa, and NER directorates. This event aimed to strengthen India's unity by fostering understanding and bonding between states, promoting cultural exchange, and enhancing leadership and communication skills. The camp included activities like language classes, festival presentations, dances, and songs from different directorates, an EXPA program, an educational tour to JSW Steel plant, and a visit to Hampi.

Republic Day was celebrated with cultural competitions, and a closing ceremony marked the end of the camp.

Additionally, on January 26, 2023, the 74th Republic Day was observed by cadets from 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC at St Joseph's University, featuring a flag

hoisting, pipping ceremony, speeches, and flag lowering. Later, CDT/SGT V Sai Subramanian and CDT/SGT Charan Gowda K R represented the Karnataka & Goa Directorate at the Republic Day Camp 2023 in New Delhi from January 1 to 29, participating in diverse activities, meeting dignitaries, attending lectures, and experiencing the pride of marching past the Prime Minister during The Prime Minister's Rally on January 28.

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations are in order!

Dr Keshavamurthy defended his PhD thesis titled “An Analysis of India’s Foreign Trade with China and Pakistan since the Post-Reform Period” under the guidance of Dr DS Leelavathi from the University of Mysore.

Shashank Trivedi’s short film Dava won the Best Short Film Award at Jaipur International Film Festival. A BVoc Film Making student, this was his final project.

Mini P Thomas, pursuing MA English, won the national award for excellence in Journalism for her article “The Blade Runner” in The Week. The award is conferred by the Press Council of India.

Dr Hanumantharayappa S B published a book named Jalagannadi which focuses on Feminisim in Karnataka and Vachana Sahitya. The book was released on March 16, 2023.

Dr Pramod KM won the Moodadi Damodaran Memorial Award for his Malayalam Poetry collection Korea Eso Kadoor Kachi.

Dr Debashis Ghosh has secured a major project from the Science and Engineering Research Board, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, under the State University Research Excellence.

Dr Ahana Ruth Pinto successfully defended her PhD thesis titled “Impact of Employee Engagement as a Tool to Reduce Job Hopping among Working Women in Karnataka” under the guidance of Dr Shubhra Rahul from Jnana Bharathi Bangalore University.

Dr Ankitha Gowda successfully defended her PhD thesis titled “Integration

of Precision Agriculture and E-Commerce for Value Creation – An Exploratory Study in Karnataka” under the guidance of Dr M Ramachandra Gowda from Bangalore University

Dr Ranganatha B successfully defended his PhD thesis titled “A Study on the Impact of GST on Select Service Sectors in Karnataka” under the guidance of Dr Subhachandra from R C College of Management.

Dr Chandni Bhambhani successfully defended her PhD thesis titled “Delaying or Rejecting Parenthood: Decision-making Process by Couples” under the guidance of Dr Anand Inbanathan from Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru.

Dr Neeta Gerosa Pereira successfully defended her PhD thesis titled “Developing a Psychoeducation Module for Mothers towards the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse” under the guidance of Dr Pooja Varma from Jain (deemed-to-be) University.

Dr Parul Goel successfully defended her PhD thesis titled “Investigation and Optimization of Ionic Conductivity in Some Vanadate Glasses for Li-ion Battery Application” under the guidance of Dr Gajanan V Honnavar from PES Institute of Technology.

Dr Nisha Menzies Rao successfully defended her PhD thesis titled “Problem Behaviours in Adolescents: Tool Development and Standardization” under the guidance of Dr Shailaja Shastri from Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal.

Dr E Bruno successfully defended her PhD thesis titled “Pure and Zn doped Copper Oxide Nanoparticles and Nanocomposites for Effective Utilization of UV-visible Region in Photocatalytic Performance” under the guidance of Dr M Haris from Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Tamil Nadu.

PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to the newlyweds Dr Deepa Mathew (Department of Mathematics) and Mr Alan Vinodh who tied the knot on January 1, 2023



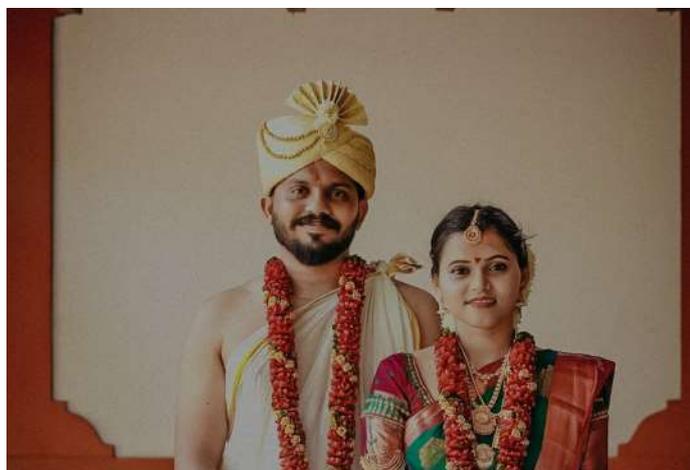
Congratulations to the newlyweds Ms Sarah John (Department of Management) and Mr Peter Issac Samuel who tied the knot on February 16, 2023



Congratulations to the newlyweds Mr Pruthvi Kashyap G (Department of Commerce) and Ms Shanthala S Rao who tied the knot on February 22, 2023



Congratulations to the newlyweds Ms Chandni Bhambhani (Department of Sociology) and Mr Shishir Mathew who tied the knot on March 16, 2023



Congratulations to the newlyweds Mr Sachin Acharya (Admin Staff) and Ms Vidyalaksmi who tied the knot on May 21, 2023



Congratulations to the newlyweds Dr S Rama Gokula krishnan (School of Social Work) and Ms Yaalini Venkateshwaran who tied the knot on June 4, 2023.

OBITUARY

Mr Maria Selvanathan (65), father of Dr Ancy, department of Mathematics, passed away on January 29, 2023.

Sr Silvia Peralunkal (76), paternal aunt of Mr John Binze, department of Mathematics, passed away on February 1, 2023.

Ms Anitha K (29), relative of Dr Anthony Johnson, department of Biotechnology, passed away on February 8, 2023.

16-02-2023

SAD DEMISE



Rushil Jain (21BBAA77), a second year student of BBA passed away on Tuesday, 14th February, 2023 due to an accident. The funeral was held on Wednesday, 15th February, 2023 at TR Mill, Chamrajpet. May the soul of Rushil Jain rest in peace. Let us pray for the bereaved members of his family.


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Rushal Jain (21BBAA77), II BBA student, passed away on February 14, 2023.

Ms Florine Rodrigues, mother of Mr Lawrence Rodrigues, department of Physical Education, passed away on February 16, 2023.

Mr J Williams, father of Dr Jothy Williams, Head of the Department, department of Microbiology, passed away on February 17, 2023.

Mr Mohammed Sadat Ali, father-in-law of Ms Niha Asif, department of Commerce, passed away on February 18, 2023.

Ms Felcy Hilda D'Souza (61), mother of Ms Grace D'Souza, department of Mathematics, passed away on February 21, 2023.

Mr Janab Abdul Wajid (68), father of Ms Maria Wajid, department of Psychology and Counselling, passed away on March 4, 2023.

Ms Mageshwari (54), wife of Mr Shekhar, Attender, passed away on March 14, 2023.

Mr Dickurus (68), father-in-law of Mr Saravana, Technician (Maintenance), passed away on March 23, 2023.

Mr Narayana Achar (78), father of Mr Prasad C N, department of Computer Science, passed away on March 31, 2023.

Ms Vanakkamary (90), mother of Fr Xavier Savarimuthu, passed away on April 9, 2023.

11-04-2023

SAD DEMISE



Yuimi Shaiza (221PM12), a first-year student of PM passed away on Tuesday, 11th April, 2023. Funeral details are awaited. May the soul of Yuimi Shaiza rest in peace. Let us pray for the bereaved members of his family.


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Yuimi Shaiza (221PM12), I PM student, passed away on April 11, 2023.

Ms Thankamma Teresa Thomas (88), mother of Ms Sheela Jose Thomas, passed away on April 14, 2023.

Mr Ashok Kumar Agarwal (72), father-in-law of Dr Aanchal Singhal, department of Chemistry, passed away on April 22, 2023.

Mr Yesuraj (51), father of Mr Santosh Kumar, Attender, passed away on May 7, 2023.

Ms Mary Stella (65), maternal aunt of Dr Gerard Rozario, department of Mathematics, passed away on May 12, 2023.

Mr Alexander P V (90), father of Dr Cheriyan Alexander, department of English, passed away on May 29, 2023.

Ms Lilly D'Souza (83), mother of Mr Clement D'Souza, Dean, School of Humanities, passed away on June 13, 2023.

Mr James Israel Paul (61), brother-in-law of Mr Newton, department of Physical Education, passed away on June 16, 2023.



Gotham PP of 17PMC batch passed away on June 20, 2023.





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