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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



Build a dream and the dream will build you - Robert H Schuller

As I look back at the journey of our Institution and reminisce the little thoughts that turned into desires, the desires that turned into little dreams, the dreams that grew wings and step by step, several dreams took flight in this Institution, I cannot help but praise the Lord Almighty for the magical way in which he has led our St Joseph's. I have witnessed the Lord's promises come alive before my eyes - Proverbs 16:9: "We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps." And Psalm 37:23-24: "The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand." Indeed, this was not our doing, but the Lord's, as the momentous and historic occasion in the annals of the history of St Joseph's College finally unfolded on 27th September 2022 when Her Excellency Smt Draupadi Murmu, the Honourable President of India, officially inaugurated St Joseph's University. The cherry on the cake was accomplishing this feat in the 75th year of Indian Independence, making us India's first Public-Private-Partnership University, the third Jesuit University in the country and the first in South India.

The Institution's reopening as St Joseph's University in August 2022, welcoming the first batch of university students, has brought with it new vigour and new dreams. As we revel in the success of transforming into a University, we also embark on a new mission to make St Joseph's University a haven for research, innovation and impact, a transition from knowledge dissemination to knowledge creation. I pray for our University students, staff and alumni/ae that the Lord will direct our footsteps again. I welcome this new era, our new thinkers and change makers, with open arms and joyful expectation as St Joseph's continues to build careers, lives, dreams and the nation.

Events of the Year

Constitution Day

The Constitution Day celebrations by the third shift students were held on November 26 at the St Joseph's Auditorium at 5:00 pm. The core objective of the programme is to show reverence to the framers of Indian Constitution, Cherish and Inculcate the Core Values enshrined in the constitution to the student's fraternity. Fr Maxim Dias administered the pledge on upholding constitutional values to all participants.

The keynote address was delivered by the Guest of Honour, Dr M K Lodi, Senior Advocate, Professor of Law and HR, Consultant in Labour Laws who emphasised on the Contribution of Indian Constitution towards Nation building. A panel presentation on "Contribution of Indian Constitution's Core Values towards National Growth - Challenges and Road Map Ahead" was moderated by Dr Kanishka and the panellists were Shri. Naman Vankdari – Lawyer, Visiting Professor, Entrepreneur & Co-founder of Indian Conclave, Bangalore and Ms. Rohini Dayalan , Associate with Top legal Firm -Tri legal, Bangalore was made. A skit on "Sensitizing Constitutional Ideals, Rights and Duties" by AICUF Team from St Joseph's Law College was performed. The Constitution Day program was very well organised and it was unanimously appreciated by students, resource persons and staff as it focused on the upholding Constitution Values and emphasised the role of citizens in ensuring that the Rights and Duties are judiciously utilized. The coordinators of the programme were Dr Kanishka K and Dr Priya.



Diwali Celebration 2022

On October 21, 2022, the Interreligious Prayer Association conducted events such as Lantern Making, Wall Hanging, and Diya Decoration as part of Shift-III's Diwali celebrations. Students across the courses participated in the events held between 4:30 and 5:30 pm. During 6:50 and 7:10 pm, in association with Kalah, singers Andrews, Varthika and Shrutha performed. The winners of the event were announced and awards presented.



Halloween Flash Mob

On October 31, 2022, as part of the Halloween celebrations of shift III, members of the WMA enthralled students and the faculty with their performance. Vrajishnu Rana played the guitar, Sharon Tatpati was the lead vocalist, supported by Prithvi Bisht and Teja as backing vocalists and CM Ramitha was on the keys. Through a fusion of songs such as Marionna, Hallelujah, and Ding Dong, the group created a spooky atmosphere adding to the aura of the event. The performance was followed by another enchanting act put up by the Josephite Dance association on a medley of popular songs. Their performance left the audience mesmerized.

JWL executive president visit

Fr Peter Balleis SJ, Executive President of JWL visited St. Joseph's University on November 24 and 25, 2022 to review the existing courses, update the benefits of Certificate Courses and introduce new courses. St. Joseph's University officials attended

the meeting in the Conference Hall of Magis Block to know the benefits of certificate courses offered by various departments of SJU to margins across the world. Ms Banu Jeffery was the organiser of the visit. 24 countries and 62 learning centres all over the world have access to the online courses. With the guidance and support of Fr Marcel, Fr Pradeep, and Dr (Fr) Richard Rego the JWL online courses have been successfully executed since September 2020. The certificate courses are offered by four departments – Department of English, Commerce, Institution of communication and Media Studies, and Department of Computer Science. The Department of English offers courses on Creating Writing, the Institute of Communication and Media offers Graphic Design and the Department of Computer Science offers Web Design. The Department of Commerce offers courses on Business Administration that are E-commerce, Accounting and Entrepreneurship.

Work Shop: CFT (Cross Function Team)

Fr Peter Balleis SJ of JWL organised an online workshop for the Core Team of JWL across the world on November 15, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. 32 coordinators from 24 countries were connected and 62 Learner Centres functionality was shared. The workshop focused on updating each one's role and to make JWL grow further in reaching more students across the world. Ms Banu M represented St. Joseph's University as Academic Delivery for the two certificate courses - Creative Writing and Design and Business Administration designed by Department of English, Commerce, Institution of communication and Media Studies, and Department of Computer Science.



Parents' Council

Workshop on “Adolescent Mental Health & Effective Parenting Strategies”

Workshop on ‘Adolescent Mental Health & Effective Parenting Strategies’ happened on November 25, 2022. The event began with an invocation and an address by Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, Vice Chancellor of St. Joseph’s University. He spoke on how ‘No love is greater than the love of the mother and no care is greater than the care of the father’. Fr Swebert D’Silva, Rector, spoke about the importance of observing our children while also giving them the trust they require.

The Coordinator of the Parents’ Council, Ms Mamatha S introduced the council

team to the audience. The inauguration was done with the lighting of the lamp by the Vice Chancellor, Rector, Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Dr Regina Mathias, Registrar Dr Melwin Colaço and Ms Mamatha. S. Tejaswini Balaji anchored the event.

Post-inauguration, the first session commenced. The icebreaker session was

efficiently conducted by Samuel Prince and Sushmitha Vincent. The audience got

to know each other during the interactive and vibrant session.

Election to the various posts of the Council was conducted post-tea break. For the

post of President’ the contestants who registered were Mr Shankar C.H. and Mr. Shantakumar.

The only contestant for the post of Vice-President was Mr Sunil N. V,

while for the post of Secretary only Ms Sujata R registered. For the post of General Secretary, the contestants

were Mr Lakshmi Prasad and Ms Sultana. Therefore, the elections were conducted only for

the posts of the President and General Secretary. All contestants for the two posts spoke to the

audience for 2 minutes each to campaign for votes. The election was conducted using an

app-based system by Dr Sayantini Banerjee, Ms Niha Asif, and Ms Fathima Farzana.

Parents’ Council Elected Office bearers for the year 2022-23 are Mr Shankar, as President

Mr Sunil N. V. as Vice President, Ms Sujatha R. as Secretary Mr Lakshmi Prasad as General Secretary,

Mr Shantakumar, Mr Prince and Mr Nazir as Executive Council Members. The second session was taken by Dr

Manjula V, Assistant Professor and Consultant Clinical

Psychologist at Christ University. Dr Manjula spoke about different emotional, psychological and behavioral issues adolescents and their families are facing. She also

discussed family dynamics and healthy interaction patterns along with different parenting styles. Various behavioral modifications and techniques specific to adolescent children were suggested by her.

The significance of open and direct communication patterns in family, healthy decision making, and the need for quality time with adolescents was emphasized upon. Various mental health disorders among adolescents and how to tackle them were also discussed. She spoke to the parents about the importance of keeping a balance between extremes in parenting strategies. The need for understanding and empathy and diffusing anger before responding to children was explained in detail. After the session, the election results were announced following which the parents gave excellent feedback for the session and suggested more sessions like this in the future. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Sayantini Banerjee.

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Student Council Election Results

The Student Council Elections were held on October 11, 2022, at St Joseph’s University. The election process started on September 26, 2022, when the nomination forms were released to the students. A total of 41 students stood for election, ranging from five different posts, namely President, Vice President, General Secretary I, General Secretary II, Treasurer, and Joint Secretary. On October 10, 2022, an open address was held during lunch hour, where all the candidates were given an opportunity to speak about their campaign and manifesto to the student body. The student council governor, Mr Taral Shah, developed the software to conduct the election, ensuring a fair and transparent voting process. After the elections, the results were announced, and the winners were declared. Ryan Roshan Roncalli was elected as the President of the Student Council, while Hajira Kauser was elected as the Vice President. Ajay Paul and Abrial Kajar were elected as General Secretary I and General Secretary II, respectively. Muaz Ahmed was elected as the Treasurer, and Suraj S K was elected as the Joint Secretary.

The newly elected student council members will be responsible for representing the student body and making decisions that will positively impact the student community. They will be working closely with the university administration to organize events, address student concerns, and create a conducive learning environment for everyone.



Investiture Ceremony

The Student Council Investiture Ceremony was held on October 31, 2022, at St Joseph's University to honour the newly elected student leaders. The event was graced by the presence of the chief guest, Dr Rajeev Gowda, Ex-Rajya Sabha MP and national spokesperson of the Indian National Congress. The ceremony commenced with the chief guest, Dr Rajeev Gowda, lapelling the badges of the student leaders, which was followed by Mr Taral Shah administering the oath. The student leaders pledged to uphold their responsibilities and work for the betterment of the university and its students. The Vice Chancellor Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ of St. Joseph's University also addressed the gathering and gave an inspiring speech on the story of Ratan Tata. He shared anecdotes about the life and work of the renowned industrialist and how his vision, leadership, and values can inspire young leaders like the ones being invested on that day. The ceremony served as a reminder to the elected student leaders of their duties and responsibilities towards the university and its students. It also instilled a sense of pride and honour in them as they received recognition for their leadership potential.

CENTRE FOR GLOBAL INITIATIVES

The Center for Global Initiatives team is headed by Dr(Fr) Richard Rego. The team comprises Dr Michael Rajamathi, Dr Melwin Colaço, Dr Susan Philip, Dr Sunita Rajamani and Mr Pruthvi Kashyap. The team collectively worked on many interesting collaborations from August to December 2022. The Global Initiative Committee had a series of meetings with a delegation from Seattle University that visited St Joseph's University in 2022. The Seattle Delegation met the deans and directors of all SJU schools. The faculty of our various Schools/ Institutes were invited to collaborate through offering Joint Courses online, as part of/independent of the Collaborative Online International

Learning-COIL program. The possibility of organising short term courses that involve student teams traveling to one/both campuses was also discussed. Expression of interest was invited from faculty interested in conducting joint courses that involve students from St Joseph's University and Seattle University jointly taking a course, and traveling to one/both campuses as part of this course. Two students from St Joseph's University got an opportunity to do their upcoming semester in JESUIT Universities overseas. Sheetal Ignatius got selected in Sophia University, Japan and Gaurav Chauhan got selected in Loyola University New Orleans, USA. Two students of Journalism and Mass Communication were selected for Job Shadowing by Erasmus. Saishyam Srikant and Niharika Bajaj will be in the Czech Republic from January 31 to March 12, 2023. Fiza Ziyad will be in the Philippines from Feb 12 to Feb 23, 2023. These students had attended a workshop conducted by FSL India as part of their Cyber Bullying project after which they were selected for the above programmes. A talk by Dr Finosh, from the Western University of Health Science, California, on 'Higher Education Abroad' was organized by the Centre for Global Initiative for interested BSc students on May 23, 2022. Vincent, the student coordinator at Boston College, is joined by two more students. Boston College students Maria and Anju met five students from St. Joseph's University online. These students were Srusti, Shawn Shibu, Sanskrithi KV, Norma Jenson and Priyanka.M. They discussed religious beliefs of students on the other side of the world, particularly in the context of Mental Health issues. They got insight on how students handle mental health issues.

FDP report

Lexio Brevis

Lexio Brevis was conducted on the first day of the academic year in August 2022 organized by the Faculty Development Program(FDP). The emcees were Dr Padma, Ms Latha, and Dr Alan. The prayer service was carried out by Fr Francis Almeida SJ, Campus Director and the welcome address was given by Dr Melwin, Registrar. This was followed by the Vice Chancellor's address and Dr S. Ignacimuthu SJ, former Vice Chancellor of University of Madras, Chennai spoke on Excellence Among Indian Universities – challenges and prospects for SJU as a University with a difference. There was a session on Jesuit charisma, teacher's involvement, and about making SJU a top university. This was followed by the Pro-Vice Chancellor's address. After this session there was an open discussion by Dr Suhas and Fr Arun where they mentioned how the API components affect the promotion of the faculty members at SJU. The vote of thanks was given by Dr Alan. After lunch, the sessions were carried forward by Fr Xavier, the Research Director.

Session for mentors

On October 10, 2022 the FDP team along with the School of Humanities and Languages organized a session for mentors. The program was called Mentorship at SJU: A Transformative Practice. Dr Ronald, the Pro-Vice Chancellor gave a session on mentoring and Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ addressed the gathering. Thereafter Mr Roger Lurshay spoke on the topic Collaboration and Understanding Unconscious Bias.

Session for class representatives

On October 12, 2022 the FDP team along with the School of Humanities and Languages organized a session for student representatives from the School of Humanities and Languages. Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ

addressed the gathering. Thereafter Mr. Roger Lurshay spoke on the topic Transformative Leadership Skills.

Induction programme

The FDP committee under the guidance of Mr Clement D Souza conducted an induction programme for the new faculty members. The main focus of this program was Jesuit Ethos, teaching, learning, and classroom management. The convenor of the program Mr Clement briefed about the programme which was followed by an address by the Vice Chancellor. Fr Denzil Lobo presented on Jesuit Ethos and Characteristics of Jesuit Education and Mr Cyril presented details about how examination and evaluation are carried out at SJU. Dr Syed Wajeed presented on how IQAC is dealt with in SJU. Dr Shivakumar presented library orientation. Ms Nikita and Mr Roger Lurshay took care of three sessions on goal setting and classroom performance management, collaboration and conflict management, and leadership and self-discovery.

JESCOL

JESCOL-1 was conducted by the FDP team from December 8, 2022 to December 10, 2022. JESCOL-1 included understanding how Jesuits function and about their ideologies, principles and commitment to lead to a better and evolved society. The session spread across the three days. Some of the takeaways from the session are that collaboration can make wonders, being brilliant alone does not make someone all the time right, and that collaborators add up to the strength of a team. The sessions taught the new faculty members on being empathetic and made them proactive and competent to think critically and act wisely.



Department of Physical Education

Bengaluru City University Intercollegiate Tournament

The St. Joseph's University handball team were the winners at the Bengaluru City University Intercollegiate Tournament, organised by BEL First Grade College on August 25, 2022.

Bengaluru City University Football Tournament

St. Joseph's University secured second place in the Bengaluru City University Football Tournament, organised by Acharya Institute of Technology.

Bengaluru City University Volleyball Tournament

The St. Joseph's University volleyball team secured second place at the Bengaluru City University Tournament, organized by NITTE, Yelahanka.

Bengaluru City University Powerlifting Competition

Neeraj Vardhan from III CEZ won the gold medal at the Bengaluru City University Powerlifting Competition under the category in the events squats-95 kg, bench-55 kg, and deadlift-160 kg.



Karnataka State Junior and Senior Championship

Rohitha Chowdry P from III JIP participated in the Karnataka State Junior and Senior Championship held at Kanteerava Stadium and secured the silver medal in triple jump and the bronze medal in long jump. She also qualified for the South Zone National Championship which will be held in Guntur.

Karnataka State Junior and Senior Championship

Sumit Bhasan from I ELCS participated in the Karnataka State Junior and Senior Championship held at Kanteerava Stadium and secured the silver medal in 100 metres race. He also qualified and participated in the South Zone National Championship held in Guntur.

Karnataka State Junior and Senior Championship

V Vaishali from II HEP participated in the Karnataka State Junior and Senior Championship held at Kanteerava Stadium and secured the silver medal in hammer throw.



September:

Dasara Championship

Prashanth from HEP participated in the Bengaluru City Divisional Level Dasara Championship held at Sree Kanteerava stadium. It was conducted on September 20 and September 21, 2022. He won the gold medal in the wushu taolu nangun event. He also participated in the State Level Dasara Games CM Cup held at the Chamundi Vihar stadium, Mysore from September 29 to October 2, 2022. Prashanth won the gold medal at this tournament.

Dasara Championship

Darshan R Reddy from III CBZ participated in the Bengaluru City Divisional Level Dasara Championship held at Sree Kanteerava stadium. It was conducted on September 20 and September 21, 2022. He won the silver medal in the wushu sanshou event. Darshan also participated in the State Level Dasara Games CM Cup held at the Chamundi Vihar stadium, Mysore from September 29 to October 2, 2022. He won the silver medal at this tournament.

Dasara Championship

Sumit Bhasan from I ELCS participated in the Bengaluru City Divisional Level Dasara Championship held at Sree Kanteerava Stadium. It was conducted on September 20 and September 21, 2022. He won the bronze medal in the 200 metres race event.

The handball team (men) participated in the Bengaluru City Divisional Level Dasara Championship held at Sree Kanteerava Stadium. It was conducted on September 20 and September 21, 2022. The students of St. Joseph's University were the runners-up.

Annual Athletic Meet

The students of St. Joseph's University participated in the Annual Athletic Meet organised for all Jesuit Institutions of Bengaluru by St. Joseph's Indian Composite PU College on September 23, 2022. They participated in the 1500 metres race event. Pothula Bala Sworup B from II HEP won the gold medal. Trisha Jagath from II BBAB won the gold medal. **Venkaatesh Prasad J** won the bronze medal.

Powerlifting intercollegiate competition

The Powerlifting Intercollegiate

Competition was held at KGS, Cubbon Park on September 25, 2022. It was organised by the Bengaluru Powerlifting Association. **Shriya B** from III BVC won the gold medal in the bench press event in the 84 kg category.

Autumn Muse

The Autumn Muse tournament, organised by St John's National Academy of Health Sciences was conducted on September 27 and September 28, 2022. The St. Joseph's University men's football team won the tournament. The women's throwball team were the runners-up. The men and women's volleyball team were also runners-up at the tournament.

Suprayoga

Neeraj Vardhan V won the bronze medal at Suprayoga 2022, an intercollegiate management fest. The tournament was organised by the Global Academy of Technology, Bengaluru and it was held on September 27 and September 28, 2022.

National Games Gujarat Hazel Mary Raju, director of physical education was the manager of the Karnataka netball team at the 36th National Games in Gujarat. The team won the bronze medal.

Kushee M Jain from III EPS participated in the hockey event at the 36th National Games, Gujarat. Chaitanya Uma Shankar from II BCOMB and Iksha Kiran Kalle from I BBASF participated in the swimming event at the 36th National Games, Gujarat. They also participated in the 75th of the Senior National Aquatic Championship. **Vjayanti Bharadwaj** from I BTBY participated in the swimming event at the 75th of the Senior National Aquatic Championship.

Pradhi Jain from II BCOM participated in the National Golf Tournament.

Vedansh Prashanth Reddiyar from

II BCOMS participated in the National Level Lawn Tennis Tournament.

Dorothy V B from II BCOMS participated in the National Throwball Tournament.



October:

National Games Gujarat

Megan Fernandes from I MA ENG participated in the 36th National Games Gujarat, held from October 6 to October 11, 2022.

MRF Saloon Car National Championship

FIA Rally Star Asia Pacific Finals, Asphalt Traxx Autocross **Tarushi Vikram** from I BZ placed sixth in the MRF Saloon Car National Championship held on October 8 and October 9, 2022 in the Madras International Circuit, Chennai. She was second in the ladies category out of 17 other drivers. She was the fastest woman driver and second fastest Asian female driver at the FIA Rally Star Asia Pacific Finals from October 10 to October 12. Tarushi also placed second in the ladies category and second in the pro stock up to 2000CC category at Asphalt Traxx Autocross, conducted by Ablaze Motorsports Club. It was conducted on October 29 and October 30, 2022 at Aruani Grid, Sarjapur.

Infosys Foundation

Isha Carmel Gerald from I BCAC participated in the Infosys foundation India tournament

organised by BWF. It was held from October 11 to October 16, 2022.

Karnataka State Boxing Championship

The Karnataka State Boxing Championship 2022, organized by Karnataka Amateur Boxing Association was held from October 14 to October 16, 2022. Cedric Paul from II BCOMD won the gold medal in the 60 kg category.



PES Infini National Sports Fest

The PES Infini National Sports Fest was conducted from October 17 to October 21, 2022. The men's kabaddi and throwball teams were the runners-up.

National IMMA Championship

The All India Mixed Martial Arts Federation (AIMMAF) National MMA Championship at IHFF was held in Mumbai. It was conducted from October 28 to October 31, 2022. Aayush Dipu from III BBASF won the silver medal.

Iksha Kiran Kalke from I BBASF participated in the water polo event at the 36th National Games, Gujarat.

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a from II BCOMB participated in the water polo event at the 36th National Games, Gujarat.

Pradhi Jain from II BCOMB

participated in the National Golf Tournament.

D Reshma from I MSW

participated in the All India Senior Ranking Badminton Tournament.

Akash Joseph from I BCADA participated in the Yonex-Sunrise V V NATU Memorial All India Senior Ranking Badminton Tournament held at Pune.



C S Shreyas Hariharan from I BOA participated in the National Kalaripayattu Championship, organised by the Indian Kalaripayattu Federation.

Kishan Raj K from I BCAA was selected in the Boxing Federation of India junior team, National Coaching



Youth Camp.

November:

Cobalt Skies Table Tennis

The Cobalt Skies Tournament, organised by Bangalore Medical College was held on November 6 and November 7, 2022. The table tennis team from St. Joseph's University were the winners of the tournament.

Marathon at Cobalt Skies

The Cobalt Skies Tournament, organised by Bangalore Medical College was held on November 6, 2022. St. Joseph's University bagged one gold medal and three silver medals in the marathon event.

State Level Karate Championship

Revanth Gowda from I BCOMD participated in the 13th State Level Karate Championship, which was held on November 6, 2022. He won the bronze medal in the under 21, male, 84 kg category.

Sports Meet

The Sports Meet organised by **Jyothi** Institute of Commerce and Management was held on November 10, 2022. The throw ball team from St. Joseph's University were runners-up at the tournament.



UMANG

The students from St. Joseph's University participated in UMANG, an inter-college sports tournament. It was organised by IIIT Bengaluru. The tournament was held from November 11 to November 13, 2022.

Reliance Youth Sports Foundation Tournament

The men's football team of St. Joseph's University emerged as winners at the Reliance Youth Sports Foundation Tournament 2022-2023.

MAT Tennis Tournament

Vedansh Prashanth Reddiyar from II BCOMS represented Bengaluru City University at a tennis tournament organised by MAT sports, Kadugodi. He was the winner of the tournament.

Table Tennis

Joannah S John from EMS represented Bengaluru City University in table tennis.

Karnataka State Roller Skating

Amrita Singh from III BBA participated in the 38th Karnataka State Roller Skating selection trials. She won one silver medal and two bronze medals. She has also been selected as a substitute for the Karnataka team.

Bengaluru City University Inter Collegiate Swimming Competition

conducted by DKV Aquatic Centre The students of St. Joseph's University participated in the Bengaluru City Inter Collegiate Swimming Competition conducted by DKV aquatic centre. **Viswas S** from II CPE won the gold medal in the 100 metres and 200 metres freestyle categories. He also won the silver medal in the 50 metres and 100 metres butterfly categories and the bronze medal in the 50 metre freestyle category. **Chaitanya Uma Shankar** from II BCOMB won the silver medal in the 100 metres, 200 metres backstroke categories and in the 400 metres and 1500 metres freestyle categories. She also won the bronze medal in the 200 metres individual medley category. **Prem K Sawant** from II BPS won the bronze medal in the 400 metres individual medley category.

Inter Collegiate Athletic Championship for Men and Women 2022-23,

organised by Bengaluru City University in collaboration with Mount Carmel College, Autonomous. The students of St. Joseph's University participated in the 4th Inter Collegiate Athletic Championship for Men and Women 2022-23. The tournament was organised by Bengaluru City University in collaboration with Mount Carmel College Autonomous. It was held on November 28 and November 29, 2022. The team won the gold medal in long jump (women), shot put (women), and hammer throw (women). They won the silver medal high jump (men), 100 metres race (women), 4x100 metres relay (women). They also won the bronze medal in shot put (women), 200 metres race (women), 5000 metres race (women),

1500 metres race (men) and 4x100 metres relay (men).

U-25 Kerala State Team

Varun Nayanar from III IES participated in the U-25 Kerala State team for the BCCI one day match. He got selected for the Kerala Ranji Trophy camp.

December:

BCU Tournament

The Bengaluru City University (BCU) Intercollegiate Football (M) Tournament was conducted from 30th November, 2022 to 2 December, 2022. It was held at South United Football ground in RBANMS. The St. Joseph's University football team stood victorious at the end of the tournament.

Annual Athletic Meet

The Annual Athletic Meet was organised for all Jesuit institutions in Bengaluru on December 3, 2022. The boys of St. Joseph's University took part in the 4x100 metres relay race. The team brought back the silver medal.

Mua Thai Championship

Vinay Kumar G from II BCOM participated in the National Muay Thai Championship held in Chennai in November 2021. He was then selected to represent India at the World Muay Thai Championship held in Indonesia from December 8 to December 13, 2022. He won the gold medal at the event.

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National Kayaking and Canoeing Championship

Medha Rajeev from I VC participated in the 37th National Kayaking and Canoeing Championship. The tournament was held in Bhopal from December 18 to December 23, 2022. She was selected for Khelo India Intercollege Karate Competition



Intercollege Karate Competition

Parghavi Velayudham from II HEP participated in the Bengaluru City University Intercollege Karate Competition in individual kumite and individual kata events. The tournament was held on December 31, 2022. She bagged two silver medals. Parghavi was also selected to represent Bengaluru City University at the All India Inter-university Competition which was

held in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh from January 17 to January 23, 2023.

National Level Shooting Championship

Neekita Raman from I OEPY participated in the 65th National Level Shooting Championship. The tournament was held in Trivandrum, Kerala from December 2 to December 9, 2022. She took home the gold medal. Neekita also qualified for the youth and junior categories in the 10 metre air rifle event for the Indian shooting team selections that was held in Madhya Pradesh from January 21 to January 25, 2023.

Department of Chemistry

Staff Achievements

Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas

He is the most-cited author at St. Joseph's University in 2022 and has published eight papers. He published the papers "An electrochemical sensor based on graphene oxide/cholesterol nanohybrids for the sensitive analysis of cetirizine" in Journal of Environmental Chemical Engineering, "Graphene-based electrochemical immunosensors for early detection of oncomarker carcinoembryonic antigen" in Biosensors and Bioelectronics, "Hydrothermal Synthesis of Transition Metal Oxides, Transition Metal Oxide/Carbonaceous material Nanocomposites for Supercapacitor Applications" in Materials Today Sustainability, "Biomarkers for Early Diagnosis of Ovarian Carcinoma" in ACS Biomaterials Science & Engineering, "An amperometric sensor composed of carbon hybrid-structure for the degradation of aminotriazole herbicide" in Environmental Research, and "Enhanced gas sensing performance of nano-structured Ta₂O₅-SnO₂ composite for low concentration CO detection" in Chemistry Select. He also published two book chapters "Graphene based electrochemicals and biosensors for multifaceted applications in healthcare" in Smart Nanodevices for Point-of-Care Applications and "Carbon and carbon paste electrodes" in Electrochemical Sensors From Working Electrodes to Functionalization and Miniaturized Devices. He co-authored five conference presentations. The paper "Pretreatment-free quantification of Propyl-Paraben preservative from real samples based on modified graphite paste sensor" was presented in the International Conference on New Horizons and Trends in Chemical Sciences organized by Dada Ramchand

Bakhrum Sindhu Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur and ISAS Nagpur chapter on March 25 and 26, 2022. Under his guidance, Dr Manasa presented a research paper titled "Synergy between Graphene-platelets and π - π of cationic brilliant-green towards flavanone hesperidin quantification and its application in quality control of oranges" in the National Symposium on Electrochemical Science and Technology at Indian Institute of Science on June 24 and 25, 2022. The paper was awarded the Best Paper from Electrochemical Society of India, Department of Inorganic and Physical Chemistry, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru for oral presentation of her research work. He guided MSc Organic Chemistry student Karishma Ramesh B to present a research paper titled "An amperometric sensor for the anesthetic drug, Procaine hydrochloride using BaO-MWCNT modified carbon paste electrode" in the International Conference on Chemical Sciences: Academia, Industry & Society Interface (ICCS 2022) at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru collaboration with Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), Government of Karnataka between June 23 and 25, 2022. He also guided MSc Analytical Chemistry student Umesh C to present a research paper as poster presentation titled "Monodiazole Multiwalled carbon nanotube modified carbon paste electrode for the electrocatalytic oxidation of Catechin" in the International Conference on Chemical Sciences: Academia, Industry & Society Interface (ICCS 2022) at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru collaboration with Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), Government of Karnataka between June 23 and 25, 2022.

He represented St. Joseph's University and participated as a panel member at India Academic Forum – a transformational leaders' conclave organised by QS- I Gauge on November 24, 2022 at Chancery Pavilion, Residency Road, Bengaluru.

Manasa G (PhD student of Dr Ronald) was awarded the Encouragement Prize by Indian Society of Analytical Scientists (2022) for oral presentation.

Dr Shanty Mathew

Dr Shanty Mathew guided Anjana Vinod to present a research paper titled "Degradation study of congo red dye using graphite oxide and nanographene oxide" in the International Conference on Chemical Sciences: Academia, Industry & Society Interface (ICCS 2022) at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru collaboration with Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), Government of Karnataka. She also guided Anna Kuriakose to present a research paper titled "Effect of loading in the enhanced photocatalytic activity of NGO-Mn₃O₄ nanocomposites in degrading methylene blue" in the 'International Conference on Chemical Sciences: Academia, Industry & Society Interface (ICCS 2022)' at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru collaboration with Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), Government of Karnataka. She attended Computational Chemistry Using Gaussian workshop from May 30, 2022 to June 3, 2022. She attended a training program on the Fundamentals of Computational Chemistry from August 8, 2022 to August 19, 2022 at St. Berchman's College, Changanassery. She received All India Women Achiever award for Outstanding Educator on September 26, 2022.

Dr Libi Thomas

Dr Libi Thomas published "Synthetic strategies and medicinal applications of quinoline-pyrimidine hybrids" in Chemical Biology Letters. She also published "Synthesis and medicinal applications of quinoline hybrid heterocycles: a comprehensive review" in Journal of Molecular Chemistry. She attended an online workshop on Interpretation of Instrumental Methods (WIIM-2023) organized

by Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed to be University), Tamil Nadu from January 2 to January 6, 2023.

Dr Sunita Rajamani

Dr Sunita Rajamani published "A comparative study of ionothermal treatment of rice straw using triflate and acetate-based ionic liquids" in Journal of Ionic Liquids.

Dr Nalini Sundaram

Dr Nalini Sundaram published "Enhanced Gas Sensing Performance of Nano-Structured Ta₂O₅-SnO₂ Composite for Low Concentration CO Detection" in Chemistry Select. She also published "Synthesis, Neutron Diffraction, and DFT Studies of NaLa(WO₄)₂: Yb³⁺/Er³⁺; NIR Induced Green Fluorescent Bifunctional Probes for In Vitro Cell Imaging and Solid State Lighting" in Chemistry Select. She guided Gayatri G to present a research paper titled "Photocatalytic degradation of caffeine using TiO₂/zeolite composites" in the International Conference on Chemical Sciences: Academia, Industry & Society Interface (ICCS 2022) at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru collaboration with Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), Government of Karnataka. She was the Chief Guest for International Women's Day organized by Nagarjuna College of Engineering and Technology, Bengaluru held on March 8, 2022

Dr Anchal Singhal

Dr Anchal Singhal published "Synthesis and medicinal applications of quinoline hybrid heterocycles: a comprehensive review." in Journal of Molecular Chemistry. She also published "Synthetic strategies and medicinal applications of quinoline-pyrimidine hybrids" in Chemical Biology Letters. She was a member of the organizing committee of the two

day international e-conference 'Recent advancements in chemical sciences: health, environment and society (ICRACS-2022)' conducted by Deshbandhu college, University of Delhi, India. She attended a Faculty Development Program on Safer and Greener Chemistry Labs from July 19 to July 25, 2022 conducted by Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre under PMMMNMTT, Ministry of Education, SGTB Khalsa college, University of Delhi.

Dr Debashis Ghosh

Dr Debashis Ghosh published a paper "Visible-light-induced metal-free coupling of C(sp³)-H sources with heteroarenes" in Green Chemistry. He also published "Heavy main group element containing organometallic phosphorescent materials" in Results In Chemistry.

He published a chapter "Gold nanoparticles as promising catalyst for electrochemical CO₂ reduction in aqueous medium" in the book Aqueous Mediated Heterogeneous Catalysis. He also published a chapter "Zwitterionic imidazolium salt: an effective green organocatalyst in synthetic chemistry" in Organocatalysis. He presented a talk in the National Webinar on Recent Trends in Chemical and Forensic Science organized by Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore on April 21, 2022.

He actively participated in the Faculty Development Program on Computational Chemistry of Materials: Molecule, Solids, Nanoparticles and Biological activity (CCM-2022) organized by Centre for Advanced Computational Chemistry Studies, Delhi from October 19 to October 25, 2022.

He participated in a three day Seminar on Jesuit Lay collaboration organized by Bangalore Jesuit Education Society, Bengaluru, from December 8 to December 10, 2022.

He received an award of Best Researcher of the Year 2022 by Avishkar Foundation Solapur on September 5, 2022.

Dr Vinutha V Salian

Dr Vinutha V Salian guided Theresa Mary Urumba to present a research paper titled "Study of pyrazole and thiazole hybrid scaffolds derived from chalcones as potential antioxidant agents" in the International Conference on Chemical Sciences: Academia, Industry & Society Interface (ICCS 2022) at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru collaboration with Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), Government of Karnataka. She attended a Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Computational Chemistry of Materials: Molecules, Solids, Nanoparticles and Biological Activity (CCM 2022) organized by Centre for Advanced Computational Chemistry Studies, Delhi held from July 18 to July 24, 2022.

Dr Pramod KM

Dr Pramod KM attended a Faculty Development Program (FDP) on the Five Learning Disciplines organized by St. Joseph's University from July 12 to July 13, 2022. He participated in the Lecture cum discussion programme on Credible Research Publications organized by St. Joseph's University on October 13, 2022. He attended the Induction Programme for the new faculty of St. Joseph's University held on October 10 to October 15, 2022. He attended the Sangam Fest 2022 - Confluence of World Poets in Bellari on October 21 to October 23, 2022 as a special invitee.

Mr. Tobin

Mr. Tobin attended Computational Chemistry Using Gaussian workshop from May 5, 2022 to June 3, 2022. He attended an international conference on 'Chemical Sciences :

Academia, Industry & Society Interface' by the Department of Chemistry, PG Centre, Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous) from June 23 to June 25, 2022. He also attended a training program on the Fundamentals of Computational Chemistry from August 8, 2022 to August 19, 2022 at St. Berchman's College, Changanassery. He attended JESCOL- I at St. Joseph's University from December 8 to 12, 2022.

Dr Ancila Urumese

Dr Ancila Urumese attended the Induction Programme for St. Joseph's University new faculty on Jesuit Ethos, Teaching, Learning and Classroom management organized by Center for FDP from October 10 to 15, 2022. She participated in a Seminar on Jesuit Lay Collaboration organized by Bangalore Jesuit Education Society, Bengaluru, held from December 8 to 12, 2022.

Student Achievements

Anandhu U K from MSc Analytical Chemistry presented a review paper titled "Review on absorption spectra of chlorophyll in green plants" in the International Conference on Chemical Sciences: Academia, Industry & Society Interface (ICCS 2022) at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru collaboration with Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), Government of Karnataka.

Intercollegiate Participation

The students of MSc Analytical and Organic Chemistry participated in Analyst - A fest hosted event by St. Aloysius College, Mangalore on June 8, 2022. List of the students who participated in various competitions are: Eshwar G and Vinay Tellis for the Quiz, Ramya R and Srinivas M for Chem Rangoli, Hemanth Kumar D for Video Juggling, Nandini M for the Seminar. Ancy Sherin and Noble Wilson for the Collage, Jaison N J for

Documentary Making, Sneha M B and Daise Maria S Thomas for Face Painting, Saurabh Jain for The Star of Analyst. Among the eight events participated, our students secured various prizes. 1st place- Eshwar G and Vinay Tellis – Quiz; 1st place Hemanth Kumar D for Video Juggling; 2nd Place-Sneha M B and Daise Maria S Thomas for Face Painting.

Happy Retirement Life to Mr Vedavyasa

Mr Vedavyasa T V retired from service on December 31, 2022 as Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry after faithfully serving the Institution for 36 years. Mr Vedavyasa joined the Department of Chemistry in the Residency Road campus of St Joseph's College in 1986. He completed his MPhil degree from Hyderabad Central University in 1994 with his thesis on 'Chemical Education and Computational Chemistry'. He completed a UGC minor research project on Catalysis of Esterification on Zirconia Alloy and was one of the evaluators of the project 'Air Pollution Standards in St Joseph's College Premises' funded by the Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology. Mr Vedavyasa has served the Institution and the Department in many capacities and handled various institutional responsibilities. He was the Coordinator of the College Timetable Committee from 1990-2014 and his guidance in preparing the timetable of the Department has been invaluable. He was a member of the Examination Committee of the College and has guided MSc students for research projects and undergraduate students for term papers over several years. Mr Vedavyasa has contributed immensely to the Department in several areas. He always maintained harmonious relationships with everyone and is deeply loved and respected by all. He was always patient with students and generations of students remember him with reverence. Dear Mr Vedavyasa, the staff and students appreciate and thank you.

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

Department of Economics

Staff Achievements

Mr Clement D'Souza

On May 28, 2022, at SDM College in Mangalore, Mr Clement D'Souza was a resource person on the topic 'New Interventions of Quality in Higher Education'. JESCOL-I was held from May 26- 28, 2022 at GONZAGA School St Aloysius Institution in Mangalore, where he was the resource person and mentor. On June 6, 2022, he was the resource person on the topic 'Budget Through the Eyes of the Common Man' as part of the programme CHIGURU, an academic enrichment workshop organized by St. Joseph's pre-university college. On April 15, 2022, he attended a BOS meeting on Economics at the Indian Academy in Bangalore. On April 19, 2022, he attended the BOS meeting on Economics at Christ University Bangalore. On June 4, 2022, he attended the BOS meeting on Economics at SJEC Bangalore. He chaired a technical session at the International conference 'Democracy, Globalization, and International Peace in an Open World-Multi-Disciplinary Perspective' held at St. Joseph's College Bangalore on April 12 and 13, 2022.

On July 22, 2022 he was a keynote speaker at NEHU Shillong on 'Fostering Holistic development and a new knowledge landscape -unfolding a new journey'. From August 10 -12, 2022 he was the resource person for various areas of Jesuit collaborations. He delivered a guest lecture to MBA students at SDM College Mysore on August 17, 2022. He was the resource person at St. Agnes College, Mangalore for a student enrichment programme on the topic 'Growing as a Group and Nurturing Community Bonds', which happened on November 7, 2022. He was also the resource person at

Milagris Institutions, Mangalore for a faculty enrichment programme on 'Teacher as Transformative Leader'. On January 15, 2022, he attended a webinar on 'Intellectual Property Rights' hosted by St. Francis Institute of Management and Research Bombay. He was also the resource person for HRD sessions from February 17-19, 2022. He participated in Jesuit Collaboration, JESCOL-III which was held from May 3 to 6, 2022, at Dhyanaashrama, Mount St Joseph, Bangalore. He participated in the Karavali Milana South Zone Jesuit Alumni Congress, which was held on May 27 and 28, 2022 at St Aloysius College(Autonomous) Mangalore. In October 2022, he attended the 'XXIV Triennial Conference' organized by the Xavier board in Goa.

Student Achievements

Nishat Choudhury from III CP E and Josna Jose from II MA Economics took part in a National level Seminar on Epitomizing Inflation Trajectory in India organised by CMS Business School, Jain (Deemed-to-be) University on October 11, 2022. Both students received the Best Paper Awards.

Ms Anita Noronha

Ms Anita Noronha co-presented the 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. The conference was held online on November 12, 2022.

Department of History

The Department of History organized an Orientation on Library and Information Resources for History

Sociology majors in their first year of study. Dr Shiva Kumar, the Chief Librarian, was the resource person who provided a comprehensive overview of the fully automated library, including its DSpace repository, Library statistics, Library services, and E Resources. Students were encouraged to make optimal use of these resources. 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' is an initiative by the Government of India to commemorate and celebrate the country's 75 years of independence and the magnificent history of its people, culture, and accomplishments. On this occasion, the Department of History along with Parishodhana, the History Association of St. Joseph's University, conducted a series of vibrant events to honor the historic celebrations of India's 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The event series lasted a week, from October 17 to October 22, 2022. The competitions included a Pictionary Quiz, an Essay Writing Contest, a Poetry Slam, a Written Quiz, Patriotic Singing, and the reproduction of Historical Art. Students from a variety of schools/ disciplines participated in each event with zeal. This effort of the department allowed students to demonstrate their abilities in a variety of fields, and was eventually a successful endeavor with over 60 registrations and participants in numerous activities. Winners of Pictionary Quiz were Ankith, Vimal R (First position); Sushanka B S, Chirayu Jain (Second position); Harshita Dixit and Ana Agnus (Third position). Winners of the Essay Competition were Afsal Rehman H(First position); Amanda B'Vera (Second position); Ankith C and Chaitrashree G A (Third position). Winners of Poetry slam were Aastha Gupta (First position); Varun Bhakay (Second position) and Anju Theresa Anil (Third position). Winners for the Written Quiz were Gayathri Lakshman NK, Varun Bhakay (First position) Ankith C, Vimal R(Second position) Virag Gupta, Shifa Kausar, Ganesh J P, Rakshith R, Chirayu R Jain (Third position). The winners of Patriotic singing were Vartika Jain (First position) Kristian Sengupta (Second position) Shilpa Chandrappa, and Srividya (Third position) for Solo singing; Tanvi and Meera for Duet

singing. For Group singing, the winner was the team of Joel Sebastian, Lakshmi S Nair, Kezia Susan Benison B Vijaya Prabhath and Aksal PS. The Art competition winners were Srivarshini D (First position), Sumana D (Second position), Alefiya Shakir and Kaviyarasan (Third position). On October 22, 2022 the Department of History and the History Association, Parishodhana, conducted an online intercollegiate paper presentation competition to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence. The theme of the presentation was 'People and Places Associated with Indian Freedom Struggle' which elicited a resounding response from students. As part of the Government of India's Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav festivities, this event was held to celebrate the sacrifices and efforts of the individuals and locations that were crucial in our nation's struggle for independence. Dr Paul Newman, Faculty, Department of History, St. Joseph's University gave the welcome address, and the competition was handled by Ms Jane D'Souza, Head of Department of History, St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The competition was judged by Dr Nalini Sekaran, Associate Professor, Head of Department of History, Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru and Mr Mahesh D. K., Faculty, Department of History at SJU Bengaluru. Twenty-one research papers were presented in total. Students from colleges both within and outside of the state participated. It was a worthwhile endeavor because it provided students with an opportunity to undertake research. For the Paper Presentation Competition, Ankitha C from St. Joseph's University and Yogitha Raghavendra from Mount Carmel College (Autonomous) won the first position. Puujita M K and Vaishnavi P Mallapu from St. Joseph's University and Shruthi M B from Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous) got the second position. The third position was won by Chaitrashree G A, M Vaishnavi Lakshmi S Nair, Liveness Marandi and Mytri Rajdev, all from St. Joseph's University.

Staff Achievements :

Ms Jane D'Souza participated in an Online Capacity Building Workshop on 'Manuscript Writing and Publishing' which happened from September 12 to 16, 2022. The workshop was organized by Madras Christian College (Autonomous), Chennai. She completed the Online Workshop on 'Manuscript Writing for Beginners' conducted by Lily of the Valley, Skill Development Center, India on September 25, 2022. She participated in the Virtual Faculty Development Programme on 'Digital Pedagogies for achieving Sustainable Development Goals in Education' organized by All India Association for Christian Higher Education, New Delhi and Lady Doak College, Madurai from October 6 to 11, 2022. She participated and presented a research paper in the 81st Annual Session of Indian History Congress held at Madras Christian College (Autonomous), Chennai from December 27 to 29, 2022. The paper was titled "The Educational Legacy of the London Mission in Bangalore". Dr Paul Nemwan K published an article in the Routledge Handbook of Refugees in India, Edited by S. Irudaya Rajan titled "Srilankan Tamil Refugees : a voiceless, undignified existence." He was one of the resource persons at the United Nations Fifteenth Session of the Forum on Minority Rights Conference at Geneva, Switzerland on December 1 and 2, 2022.

Department of Political Science

Association activities

Fr Francis D'Almeida SJ inaugurated the activities of Spectrum for the academic year 2022-2023 by lighting the lamp on September 13, 2022 at De Nobili hall.

Dr B.M Chengappa, Defence Analyst in Bengaluru delivered a special lecture on the topic The Taiwan

Conundrum on September 13, 2022 at De Nobili Hall from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm.

Dr Raul Tripathi, Professor of Political Science from D.D Kosambi School of Social Science and Behavioural studies, Goa University delivered a special lecture on the topic The Idea of Region in South Asia on September 28, 2022 at De-Nobili Hall from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm.

The release of the NIAS Conflict Weekly, Issue 150 was hosted on November 18, 2022 at De Nobili hall and Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-chancellor of St. Joseph's University did the honors of releasing the issue. He also launched the NIAS-SJU Peace innovation programme during the same occasion. Dr Subachandran, Dean of NIAS was the Chief Guest.

An inter-class quiz on Indian Constitution was organised on the occasion of Constitution Day on November 26, 2022. Thirty students participated in the quiz which was conducted in a written format.

Mr Zou Zhengxin, Director Assistant of Institute of Asian Studies, Sichuan University, China delivered a special lecture on the topic - China's Neighbourhood Policy: Special focus on China and South Asia on January 23, 2023 at De-Nobili Hall.

Mr Shreyas Issac, alumni of St. Joseph's University briefed the present batches of B.A students about the admission process to PG courses in O.P.Jindal University where he is pursuing Masters and to other top universities of the country on January 25, 2023. He gave insights about the prospects and opportunities for the students of Humanities in the new emerging areas.

Staff Achievements Dr P.E.Somaiah

Dr P.E.Somaiah participated and presented a paper at the XIX Karnataka State Political Science Teachers Conference organised jointly by Karnataka Political Science Teachers Association and Department of Political Science, Gulbarga University,

Kalburgi on August 25 and 26, 2022. He also published a paper titled "Urban Governance: A Case study of Bengaluru city" in the Karnataka Journal of Politics.

He delivered a lecture on the topic Relevance of Political Science during the present times at the Department of Political Science, SDM College, Ujire, Dakshina Kannada District on November 7, 2022.

He was invited as Subject Expert for the Political Science Board of Studies Meeting by the Department of Political Science, SDM College, Ujire, Dakshina Kannada District on November 7, 2022.

He was invited as Observer and Chief Guest by Department of Humanities, M.R.Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Bengaluru for their National Youth Parliament 2023 Programme held on January 21, 2023 at Sir M.Vishweshwaraiah Auditorium, M.S.R College Campus. The programme was organised under the National Youth Parliament Scheme, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India.

SCHOOL OF INDIAN AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Department of English and Journalism

Metonym

Metonym is an intracollegiate literature festival organised by the department of English. Nous, Literary Society, Linguistics Society, Performing Arts Society, and the SJU Quizzers conducted various events in the campus under its banner. Following are reports of events conducted for Metonym by the associations:

Literary Society

Fandom Menace

Fandom Menace is organized by the Literary Society of the Department of English. This writing contest requires participants to create a story with fictional characters, based on a starter line given to them. 34 entries were received, with several interesting stories from a line about an excellent meal of boiled potatoes. Shweta Philip of I MA English won first place, with Nitia Catherine of III CPE in second, and Shri Abhirami of I PM in third. Two special mentions were awarded to Pranisha R. of II EJP, and Rebecca Reji of III EJPB.

Takedown

Takedown is an innovative competition, also organised by the Literary Society, which provides prompts that participants must choose from and deride in a short written format. Participants had to write around three paragraphs criticising either chicken biryani or Instagram. This contest saw 71 participants, some of whom unfortunately picked between chicken biryani or Instagram. Regardless, Takedown is a very humorous competition. Archana Reji of I Bsc MBBY won first place, with Anush KMS of II TEP in second, and Yasmin Daniel of III JIP in third place.

Art Essay

On a gloomy Thursday afternoon, 24 participants gathered in A-314 with sharp pencils and listening ears as Mr Chinappa announced the prompt for their piece: "Staying at home". One wrote about how he'd become fond of making chai during the lockdown, with little illustrations of a tea cup and the sun. Another drew herself sitting on the bed as her mother asks her if she's eaten. She writes about her Amma as her constant, her reason for survival. "To love your home is to make your pain visible for you," writes the winner of Art Essay, Harshit Jalan from III EJP A. In second place is Pranav VS from I MA English, who drew a mother bulb coming to check on her three eggs, his story singing of childhood innocence and nostalgia. The third place was won by Misbha Fathima from I JPY, who writes about "relishing the familiarity with the same four people

while wanting to run away from them."

SJU Quizzers

20 Questions

20 questions was a successful Metonym event. The room where the event was held was filled with participants that were walking around the room like agitated ants. Dr Arul Mani played the role of the ever so generous quizmaster, who gave all the frantic participants extra time to guess their answers. The quiz was divided into three sections - the first two sections involved cryptic clues and the third section was a visual one. The participants all looked like they were writing an exam and had run out of time. Every person in the room had a frantic look on their face, some with pens held stationary in the air and some discussing with their teammates. The best part of 20 questions was when Dr Mani gave out the answers. Every answer was met with an exclamation of either delight or disappointment. One of the questions in the visual round was a picture of Prince Philip. Most of the participants mistook him for King Charles and this was when the room was the loudest, when everyone tried convincing Sir that they were actually correct. The finals of 20 Questions got underway in the narrower environs of A302, A314 having been commandeered by the thespian performers of Nose Cut. In a slight amendment to finale, the protégé subbed in for the mentor as the Judge, Jury, Executioner. Mr Harle ran the eight pairs through the rules and the convoluted points system, confusing the poor sods even before he had fired the first question at them. The written segments passed by without much event, though there were many a groan towards the end when answers were revealed, for they also unmasked mistakes made by one member of the pair or the other or both. It was in the true-blue 20 Questions phase that Mr Harle and the audience made merry at the pairs' misery. Well, at least a few of them were miserable. In the first of two rounds, they had to guess famous personalities, and Mr Harle made sure

no one emoted (though he stopped short of sending them to participate in Nose Cut as punishment) nor gave any answer barring the four sanctioned ones. There were many an animated, often anguished groan when answers were missed or questions ran out. Mr Harle had a ball, and he threw it from Shivajinagar Bus Stand to IISc to Koshy's, and from Kapil Dev to Marilyn Monroe. Shwetha and Pranav of I MA English took 1st place, Mohammad and Asritha of II CPE 2nd, and Mahir and Sahana of II EMS stood 3rd, and everyone else left with an enlightened mind keen to explore Bangalore's geography.

Freshers' Quiz

The finals of the Freshers' Quiz began at around 4:30 at A 303. With eight students from both UG and PG making it to the finals, the quiz began with a set by Prof. Pramod. With a lot of the finalists attending their first ever quiz, it started off slow, with Prof. Pramod going over how standard quizzing rules like the Infinite Bounce & Pounce and Written rounds work. The question range in the first round was diverse, stretching from Rock music to city names and Ancient history. His second round, the written round he titled 'Kantri roads' was really interesting, showing pictures of various personalities who give their names to the various roads around college. Next came another two rounds of quizzing, with these set of questions made by Dr Arul Mani. Beginning with a written round, the questions he presented seemed very random, but had a common theme of body parts running through it. In fact, the entirety of Dr Mani's set seemed to have a theme of Biology and Biological terms, with questions talking about Michelangelo, whose answer turned about to be something called the Goliath crane, and a question about a snake, whose answer was Asclepius, the Greek God of Medicine. The quiz went on till about 6:30 with Shweta from I MA English and Chirayu from I BCom D sharing the 3rd place, Chaitrashree from I BCom B winning the 2nd place and Pranav from I MA English bagging the 1st place.

The Performing Arts Society

JAM

Perhaps the most awaited event of Metonym, JAM was the last of the contests that took place. With 26 participants, we had three rounds of semi-finals, where Ms Vismaya reigned as JAM master, throwing strange and wonderful topics at the participants (and getting even stranger responses from them). At the end of each round, the three top scorers were chosen to advance to the finals. The final round of JAM was presided over by Dr Arul Mani. With more weird and wonderful topics, objections galore and lots of breaking out into laughter, it was a highly entertaining final round of JAM. Though all the participants got a chance at the mic, in the end, only three winners remained. K Sowmya of II EJPF emerged the champion, with Tom Alben of II CZBT coming a close second (aided by a few negatives) and Nyx from II JIP finishing third.

Bhoot Polish

Bhoot Polish was an event conducted by the Performing Arts Society. There were a total of seven participants. The participants were required to tell a ghost story. Surya Saathi's performance explored horrors within innocence and childhood through a poem and a song. Sharanya Singh of I TPY in her tale explored a Telugu legend about an evil entity that haunts and destroys a Brahmin household. Gowri of I ECI performed a birthday horror story that alluded to Taylor Swift's song - Look what you made me do. Christine of I MA English and Vasudev of I OEPY shared spooky stories at hostels and homes. Vidula of II MA English narrated a story about the revenge of a cuckoo bird, her cuckoo cry left the audience in terror. Gayathri of II MA English, with her Ukulele strings, spun a tale about a father and his child escaping their forest spirits. Surya Saathi of III TEP secured the first place. The second place was secured by Vidula Katham of II MA English and the third place was secured by Gayathri Lakshmi of II MA English.

NOUS

Nose Cut

On 3 October, 2022, Nose cut began at 4:00 PM with Ms Vismaya introducing the judge for the evening, Mr Pranay, an alumnus who refused to be called 'sir'. A-314 saw a jam-packed audience who watched the performances with great gusto. President Xi Jinping sported a picture of Winnie the Pooh while Roger Federer sang Happy Birthday with a surprisingly harmonious voice. Bappi Lahiri questioned everyone and everything before becoming a disco dancer with Rashmika. They stole the show before it even began. The highlight of the evening was when Rahul Gandhi hugged Modi, bringing the audience into a state of shock before they exploded into loud, explosive fits of laughter. It comes as no surprise that the people behind Bappi Lahiri's personality, Saniya and Tanishqua from I JIN came first; Rahul Gandhi represented by Lara and Samah from III JIP came second; and Rashmika represented by Aaron and Avirup from III EJP B came third. A special mention was received by Roger Federer represented by Nyx and Parthiv from II JIP, whether it was due to their Rolex watch or Fake Wilson racket is yet to be known.

Counterpoint

Kanye West says "White Lives Matter". This is how Counterpoint begins, and all the participants jump to it, drafting scathing statements against the rapper and his misguided beliefs.

Counterpoint, an event conducted by Nous for Metonym, takes a controversial statement of some sort (given by celebrities, of course) and uses this statement as a prompt, which participants must then respond to in a fitting manner. Sarcasm, logic and pure wit come into play here, and often, it is the most devastating statements that get the best responses. This time, we had a whole bunch of teams participating, putting their heads together and figuring out how best to take down Ye's debate-

inducing statement. Saanya and Suhasini from III EJP B won first place, Shakeel and Ananya from I PSC came second and Lakshmi and Abigail from II JIP bagged third place. A special mention was also given to Naina and Aaron from III EJP B.

News Reading

Participants were asked to read a piece of news. Each news piece was different and selected by Ms Vijeta Kumar. The news ranges from sports, national, economy and so on. In the meantime, the distraction committee makes up their mind on what to do next. The distraction committee consists of a bunch of second and third years students whose seemingly sole purpose is to annoy and distract the participants. They are at most times louder than the news readers doing all sorts of shenanigans ranging from singing, dancing and ridiculous flirting. One such distractor picked on words read by the participants and repeated it to them in a rather scandalous manner. Two such remarks made were 'Can we combine?', 'Here in my heart'.

The crowd laughed and the participant tried hard to hold it in. Other distractions included Trains being choo chooed around the participants. A reference to Ranbir Kapoor becoming Rani and selfies being taken with the participants on stage. There were nineteen participants altogether and the first place was awarded to Trisha Joshi from I JPP, second to Shresh from I BZ and third to Lakshmi Jyothish from II JIP. The event was judged by Ms Drishti Rakhra and Ms Lakshmi, a former student of St Joseph's and a linguist.

Linguistics Society

What's the Good Word?

On Thursday, October 6, students participated in a brand new linguistic quiz called What's the Good Word? The prelims were written and saw an overwhelming turnout. The finals seemed like the lovechild of 20 questions and JAM, where the finalists sat in pairs opposite each other and

attempted to guess a word based on two synonyms - a direct synonym and an associative word. For instance, a team guessed the word "Miniature" through the clues "small" and "doll". The first place went to Shweta and Pranava from II MA English, Saevitha and Suhasini from III EJP B and Yasmin and Allen from III JIP

Spelling Bee

The Department of English conducted a spelling bee as part of Metonym, an interclass competition. The competition saw 47 participants from various classes putting their lexical skills to work. A written prelims round decided the eight finalists for the competition. Professor Arul conducted the finals, which had both written rounds and traditional spelling rounds. The first round had clues that resembled quiz questions, each of which was related to cinema and film making. The following two rounds followed the standard spell bee format, with each participant being given a word to spell. A twist was introduced into these rounds in the form of the Pounce, which allowed other participants to try and correctly spell a word in case one of their competitors made a mistake. The competition was fierce, and at the end of the day, three winners emerged. Varun Bhakay from II MA English, Sahana from II EMS and Naina Mary Sebastian from III EJP B took first, second and third place respectively. Inauguration of Writing Desk
What does writing mean to you? – This was the question that sparked the inauguration of Writing Desk held on November 2, 2022. As people started talking openly about their relationships with writing, the chilly Bangalore weather that had been hanging over room A314 slowly dissipated. Professor Cynthia, who oversaw the workshop, spoke about her complex yet loving connection with writing. Students shared how writing often is a space of vulnerability, honesty and self. These discussions illustrated how the act unites the personal, the social and political spheres. One of the intriguing observations made and shared was how tiny activities like preparing a cup of tea for your loved

one are also a type of writing and how writing is and can be synonymous with love. We also talked about how writing may be used to archive and navigate memories, including false memories and intense emotions like grief. Many students are quite enthusiastic about the possibilities that writing desks as a group offer after this first session. Visit to Brilliant Printers at Nelamangala
The Department of Journalism at St. Joseph's University, third shift, organised a study tour to Brilliant Printers at Nelamangala on November 4, 2022. It was specially designed for the first year BA (JS – Journalism - Sociology) as part of their curriculum activities. On arrival, the students were welcomed by the HR and the co-coordinator of the printing press. During the visit, students were taken to different sections of printing and they had the full view on offset printing and various procedures that are related to it. They had first-hand experience of making plates, pages layout, placing of ink, the rubber roller, and the placing of the plates, printing papers, printing, binding, and distribution, which are part of the printing technology. Students were taken to many general compulsion procedures in printing. One such was screen making; big machines were accommodated in a ten-by-ten room meant for screen developing. Later, they visited the cutting and binding department where they learned about arranging the sheets in accordance with the series, threading it, folding it in a perfect shape, merging it between the wooden slides, stapling between the sheets and giving it a final shape. On the other side of the room, the cover pages of the book were being laminated in machines, according to required thickness and orders prescribed. Students were happy and excited to learn about printing technology. They spent time interacting with employees and learned more about the procedures of modern printing technology.

Department of Hindi

Department of Hindi conducted a seminar on Research and

Critical Thinking among Undergraduate Students under the aegis of the School of Indian and Foreign Languages, St. Joseph's University on November 12, 2022.



Department of Kannada

Kannada Rajyotsava

Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated on November 1, 2022 at St. Joseph's University. The programme started with nadageethe, followed by a speech by Dr Hanumantharayappa S B. The inauguration started with a video presentation, a welcome song and continued with dance performances. A video of Dr Prasanth Chakravarthy the founder of Karnataka Janaseva Trust and the guest of the evening was played. He also inspired the audience with a few words. He was then felicitated by Rev Fr Francis D'Almeida SJ, the Campus Director. Then began the rock band performances. Jstreetscrew set the stage on fire followed by a performance by the Naraka team. The North East Association then performed, followed by Mrityunjaya, who showcased their skills in martial arts. The NSS dance team was next to take to the stage. Rev Fr Francis D'Almeida SJ then gave a speech. Later, the folk dancers took up the stage for their performance. One of the most prominent state dances of Karnataka Yakshagana and the major prevalent dance of Karnataka Veeragase were also performed with great energy. The program continued with Bharatanatyam and a tiger-

faced dance called Huli, which is performed in coastal Karnataka. The students also entertained the audience with a ramp walk. The event ended with a vote of thanks. The programme was well handled by all volunteers and their team coordination, along with guidance by Dr Eraiah, Head of the Department of Kannada and Dr Hanumantharayappa S B, Head of the Kannada Sangha.

Kannataka with Simple Rajyotsava Suni

Kannataka Rajyotsava was celebrated by the staff and students of shift III of St. Joseph's University on November 16, 2022 in the main auditorium of the university. It was organized by Dr Poornima from the department of Kannada. Mr Sunil Kumar, popularly known as 'Simple Suni', a well-known film director in the Sandalwood industry graced the occasion as the chief guest. The chief guest inspired the students to be informed and responsible citizens of the country by narrating stories. He also encouraged the students to learn and use Kannada as long as they are in the state of Karnataka. Fr Maxim Dias SJ, the director of shift III presided over the function and addressed the gathering on the richness and the diversity of the state of Karnataka. He also encouraged the students to appreciate the diversity in the state. Various cultural programmes such as dance, drama, traditional wear fashion show, etc followed.

Staff Achievements

Dr Eraiah Hampapura presented a paper at a national seminar on Prasthutha Samajika Vidhyamanagalige Kannada Sahithya Avalokana Hagu Parivarthane, titled "TA RA SU Kadambarigalalli Mahila Chinthane", organised by the Department of Kannada. He also published a book chapter "TA RA SU Avara Aamajika Kadambarigalalli Stree Samvedan" in the book Nelapaduke (Vimarshe). Dr Eraiah Hampapura attended a Board of Examination (BOE) meeting

at NMKRV College (Autonomous), held on January 28, 2023. He also attended a BOE meeting at BMS Women's College (Autonomous) held on February 2, 2023.

Dr Poornima S published a book titled Mahilaa Samvedhane: Hosa Saadhyathegalu. She also gave her guideship to Shwetha A from Hampi University for "Kuvempu Matthu Tolstoy Kaadambarigala Antharsambhandhi Adhyayana".

Dr Hanumantharayappa S B, presented a paper titled "Anupama Niranjan Avara Kadambarigalalli Udyoga Mattu Mahile" at a two-day National conference organized by the Department of Kannada, Sindhi College of Degree Bengaluru from August 24 to August 26, 2022. He also presented a paper titled "Adigara Kavyadalli Bandaya " at a 1 day International conference organized by the Department of Kannada, Diamond College of Management and Science, Bengaluru in collaboration with America Basava Balaga on October 17, 2022. Dr Hanumantharayappa S B, published a book titled Jalagannadi (A Critique). The book was published by CVG India, Bengaluru. Dr Hanumantharayappa S B, directed Smashana Kurukshetra, a play written by the national poet Kuvempu. The play was performed at St. Joseph's University. It was also performed in a competition organised by Ranga Saurabha, a state-level cultural fest at Ravindra Kalakshetra, Bengaluru which won many awards.

Department of Microbiology

Staff Achievements

Dr Beatrice Sequeira

Dr Beatrice Sequeira attended a lecture-discussion programme on Credible Research Publications on October 13, 2022, by St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru. She also participated in 'Research and Scientific Writing' workshop from November 2-5, 2022, organized by Department of Microbiology, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, in association with Madras Christian College, Chennai.

Dr Vanitha NM

Dr Vanitha NM attended a Faculty Development Training programme on Research Tools and Applications on August 4, 2022, organised by St Joseph's Research Institute (SJRI). She attended a lecture-discussion programme on Credible Research Publications on October 13, 2022, by St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru. She also participated in 'Research and Scientific Writing' workshop from November 2-5, 2022, organized by Department of Microbiology, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, in association with Madras Christian College, Chennai.

Dr Syed Wajeed

Dr Syed Wajeed attended a Faculty Development Training programme on Research Tools and Applications on August 4, 2022, organised by St Joseph's Research Institute (SJRI). He attended a lecture-discussion programme on Credible Research Publications on October 13, 2022, by St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru. He also participated in 'Research and Scientific Writing' workshop from November 2-5, 2022, organized by Department of Microbiology, St

Joseph's University, Bengaluru, in association with Madras Christian College, Chennai. He was the resource person for a two-day national workshop on 'HEIs Demarche in NAAC Assessment and Accreditation Framework' organised by Marudhar Kesari Jain College For Women, Vaniyambadi on August 12, 2022. He delivered talks on 'Overview of NAAC process and on Criteria 1 and 4 of NAAC'. He also delivered a talk on 'Best Practices of Documentation and Quality Assurance' at a National Conference organised by Padmashree Institute of Management and Sciences supported by NAAC on September 10, 2022. Another talk on 'Teaching Pedagogies towards Skill Development in the Global Context' was delivered at a NAAC-sponsored national seminar on 'Innovative Strategies & Practices in Teaching, Learning and Evaluation Process' for Arts and Science colleges towards NEP - 2022 on November 3, 2022, organised by Nallamuthu Gounder Mahalingam College (Autonomous), Pollachi, Tamilnadu. He also delivered a talk on 'Curricular Aspects' at a two-day national seminar on 'Necessity of NAAC in Non-Accredited Institutions to Promote Holistic Development of Quality Education' organised by Muthyammal College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), Namakkal, Tamilnadu in association with NAAC from November 17-18, 2022. He handled sessions on 'Character Formation' organised by Samagra, St Joseph's Holistic Centre for the students of St Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous), Bengaluru on August 2, 2022.

Dr Jothy W

Dr Jothy W attended FDP on Digital Content for open electives on July 15, 2022, organized by St

Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru. She attended a UGC-sponsored online Inter/Multidisciplinary Refresher Course on 'MOOCs Development and Delivery' organized by HRDC, Ranchi University, Ranchi from August 10-23, 2022. She presented a poster on 'Influence of nutritional and environmental conditions on the biofilm formation of bacterial isolates of oral cavity and probiotics' in the 5th International Conference on Tropical Medicine and Infectious Diseases (ICTMID) organized by University of Kuala Lumpur Royal College of Medicine, Perak from August 23-25, 2022. She also participated in 'Research and Scientific Writing' workshop from November 2-5, 2022, organized by Department of Microbiology, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, in association with Madras Christian College, Chennai. Along with other authors, she published an abstract titled "Influence of nutritional and environmental conditions on the biofilm formation of bacterial isolates of oral cavity and probiotics" in Medical Journal of Malaysia.

Ms Mamatha S

Ms Mamatha S presented a poster titled "Phytochemical profile of *Putranjiva roxburghii* bark and fruit extracts using cold and hot extraction methods: A Comparative Study" in the national conference on Advances in Microbial Biotechnology: Current Trends and Future Prospects held from April 28-29, 2022, organized by the department of Microbiology, Biotechnology and Food Technology, Bangalore University, Bengaluru. She attended a five-day online capacity-building workshop on 'Manuscript Writing and Publishing' from September 12-16, 2022 organized by Madras Christian College, Chennai. She

attended a lecture-discussion programme on Credible Research Publications on October 13, 2022, by St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru. She also participated in 'Research and Scientific Writing' workshop from November 2-5, 2022, organized by Department of Microbiology, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, in association with Madras Christian College, Chennai.

Dr Popy Dutta

Dr Popy Dutta completed two weeks of Science Academies' Refresher Course on 'Modern Trends in Biology' organized by department of Botany, Periyar University, Salem, from April 5-20, 2022. She acted as a Resource Person at a National Conference on 'Recent Trends In Biological Sciences 2022', held at Shri Sakthikailaash Women's College, Salem, Tamilnadu, on September 23, 2022. She participated in an FDP on Digital Content for open electives held on July 15, 2022, organized by St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru. She attended a five-day online capacity-building workshop on 'Manuscript Writing and Publishing' from September 12-16, 2022 organized by Madras Christian College, Chennai. She attended a lecture-discussion programme on Credible Research Publications on October 13, 2022, by St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru. She also participated in 'Research and Scientific Writing' workshop from November 2-5, 2022, organized by Department of Microbiology, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, in association with Madras Christian College, Chennai. She participated in a two-day FDP on 5 learning disciplines (Re-imaging St Joseph's) held from July 12-13, 2022, organized by St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

Ms Shalmali Kamath Prabhu

Ms Shalmali Kamath Prabhu presented a poster at I-SENTIENT 2022, a two-day international conference on Science and Technology for Socio-Economic and Environmental Sustainability, organized by School of Sciences, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru from September 28-29, 2022. She participated in an FDP on Digital Content for open electives held on July 15, 2022, organized by St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru. She attended a five-day online capacity-building workshop on 'Manuscript Writing and Publishing' from September 12-16, 2022 organized by Madras Christian College, Chennai. She attended a lecture-discussion programme on Credible Research Publications on October 13, 2022, by St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru. She also participated in 'Research and Scientific Writing' workshop from November 2-5, 2022, organized by Department of Microbiology, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, in association with Madras Christian College, Chennai. She participated in a two-day FDP on 5 learning disciplines (Re-imaging St Joseph's) held from July 12-13, 2022, organized by St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru. She also participated in a three-day seminar on Jesuit Lay Collaboration organized by Bangalore Jesuit Education Society, Bengaluru, from December 8-10, 2022.

Mr Nitin Saxena

Mr Nitin Saxena participated in a two-day FDP on 5 learning disciplines (Re-imaging St Joseph's) held from July 12-13, 2022, organized by St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru. He participated in an FDP on Digital Content for open electives held on July 15, 2022,

organized by St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru. He attended a lecture-discussion programme on Credible Research Publications on October 13, 2022, by the University. Mr Nitin Saxena also attended a five-day induction programme for new faculty on Jesuit ethos, teaching, learning, and classroom management from October 10-15, 2022. He also participated in 'Research and Scientific Writing' workshop from November 2-5, 2022, organized by Department of Microbiology, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, in association with Madras Christian College, Chennai.

Department of Biotechnology

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Events

A webinar on Career Opportunities in Life Sciences was handled by Yogashree C Nagesh from Sun Diagnostic Centre, Bangalore on August 16, 2022. The session was helpful for students who wished to pursue a career in management related fields after their post graduation in Biotechnology.

Initium novum was a peer talk arranged by the II year MSc. Biotechnology students for the first year batch as an ice breaker and to introduce them to the various opportunities for research and learning as part of their MSc Biotechnology program. It was conducted on October 7, 2022 at Faber Hall between 1:30 and 4:30 pm. The first peer talk was by Jonathan David from II BTY who talked about his experience working at Dr Utpal Tatu's lab at IISc. He also shared valuable tips about time management and working in a lab. The second talk was by Sreya Mandal who spoke about her Indian Academy of Sciences Summer fellowship program at Dr Sweta Tyagi's lab at CDFD, Hyderabad. She described her research project on Chromosomal tagging of Mixed lineage Leukaemia with mini-Auxin Inducible Degron (mAID) and shared her experience of the application process for the IAS Summer program. The third talk was by Vaishnavi Pai who spoke about the animal cell culture workshop she attended at iCREST academy. She spoke in detail about the various techniques part of animal cell culture experiments that she performed during the workshop.

Sowmya Nandan from the Takshashila Institution gave a guest talk on Science Policy on September 9, 2022 at 11:00 am in Loyola Hall. Sowmya gave an overview of the

relevance of Science Policy and the complex relations connecting biology and society. She introduced students to Takshashila Institution's Biology and Policy Society, a forum in India for biologists to discuss how insights from biology can shape public policy and how policy can shape the direction of science and technology. This was a joint session for both first and second year MSc Biotechnology students and was followed by a lively Q&A session.

Dr Aswin Sheshasayee from the National Centre of Biological Sciences (NCBS) gave a talk on The Evolution of Bacterial Genome Organisation and Regulatory Networks on November 12, 2022. Dr Sheshasayee shared insights into the work in his lab at NCBS and answered questions about potential research opportunities in his lab. I and II MSc Biotechnology students and undergraduate students attended the talk. The talk was followed by a very active discussion.

Students of the Stem Cell and Next Generation Therapeutics elective attended a one day Animal Cell Culture workshop conducted by Icrest International Stemcell Services Ltd. The first batch of students attended the workshop on September 3, 2022 and the second batch on September 10, 2022. iCREST academy provides an educational setting designed to introduce highly motivated students to conceptual learning in the life sciences and biological sciences. This method involves a special blending of classroom instruction with hands-on exploration which strengthens and gives the learning process a new depth.



In the workshop, students were introduced to fundamental principles and techniques of animal cell culture. The techniques provide a good foundation and are essential in every

cell culture lab. The workshop included hands-on training in cell culture revival, trypsinisation, passaging, cell counting and cryopreservation, and a hands on demonstration on cell culture media preparation and filtration. These techniques were practised on HeLa cells and mono-nucleated cells (MNCs). The workshop also focused on understanding the principles and methodology of these techniques. The aim of the workshop was to create a gateway to animal cell culture, develop skills, and create interest among the participants.

II year MSc Biotechnology students were taken on an Industrial visit to the Research and Development wing of Thermo Fisher Scientific in Whitefield on November 24, 2022. Thermo Fisher Scientific is a global biotechnology company that provides a wide range of products and services to various industries including pharmaceuticals, biopharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical research, and clinical laboratories. The company is known for its innovative solutions and commitment to improving health and advancing life sciences. Students were given a tour of the facility, the laboratory, and production areas. The students learned about the various products and services offered by Thermo Fisher Scientific. The company's focus on innovation and quality was highlighted along with its investment in research and development and strict quality control processes. The students were introduced to cutting-edge technologies used by the company such as next-generation sequencing, protein analysis, and cellular imaging. The students also gained insight into the regulatory process for life sciences products and the safety assessments required before commercialization. Dr Vishnu Janardhan, Dr Dinesh P and Dr Suchitra Sajja from Thermo Fisher Scientific interacted with students and answered questions. II MSc Biotechnology students were taken on an Industrial visit to the R&D labs of Bayer in the Manyata Tech Park on November 25, 2022. Students were given a comprehensive tour of the R&D facility and its laboratories. Various

crop protection products developed by Bayer Crop Science like herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, seed treatments, and genetically modified seeds and crops were explained to students. The company's focus on sustainability and conservation was highlighted along with its initiatives such as integrated pest management and the development of seeds with enhanced tolerance to environmental stress. The company's research and development process were explained, including the use of molecular biology techniques for crop improvement. The students also gained insight into the regulatory process for crop protection products and the safety assessments required before commercialization. The industrial visit provided the students with valuable insights on the practical applications of biotechnology in agriculture. The visit also highlighted the importance of sustainable agriculture and the role of biotechnology in supporting farmers and protecting crops.

Academic Achievements

Sreya-IAS Summer fellowship
Teresa-SME Workshop

Green Gene Guild (UG Biotechnology Association)

Activities

Augmentation

The event was to enlighten the students concepts based on a pictiography of Biotechnology. Event was conducted in Faber hall of St. Joseph's University Auditorium on October 17, 2022 at 4:30 pm. All undergraduate students of Biotechnology attended the event. A quiz contest was conducted for the students to test their domain of knowledge on terminology of Biotechnology and the solutions helped them to learn many concepts on biotechnology.

In this meeting the newly elected office bearers were introduced to the student community.

Essay and Poster Making Competition GGG Association conducted two student competitions on November 17, 2022 at 12:50 pm in the Science block. There was a Poster Making contest with the themes as A World without Science and Spooky Science. And an Essay writing competition with the themes Bioproducts : But At What Cost and A Scientific Discovery or Invention Got Lost In Time. Students from all the schools of St. Joseph's University participated in the event. Three Best Essays and one Best Poster were selected.

Know Your Cleotides GGG Association of Biotechnology Department conducted Know Your Cleotides in the Quadrangle of Arrupe Block on January 24, 2022 at 12:50 pm to create awareness on DNA extraction. The response was immense and many students from arts and sciences participated in the event. They were able to extract their own DNA through simple experiments and were given a glimpse into Medical Genetics.

Staff Achievements

Dr Anthony Johnson A M published three research papers in Journal Frontiers in Plant Sciences. His paper titled "De novo Transcriptome Analysis of Drought-Adapted Cluster Bean (Cultivar RGC-1025) Reveals the Wax Regulatory Genes Involved in Drought Resistance" was published in June 28, 2022 and "Co-expression of stress-responsive regulatory genes, MuNAC4, MuWRKY3 and MuMYB96 associated with resistant-traits improves drought adaptation in transgenic groundnut (*Arachis hypogaea* L.) plants" was published in November 16, 2022. He also delivered an invited lecture on Basics of Bioinformatics and Next Generation Sequencing for faculty and students of BVSc & AH at College of Veterinary Science, Proddatur, Andhra Pradesh which is under SV Veterinary University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh on January 21, 2022 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Dr Dyna Susan Thomas published a

research paper in the Journal Integrative Biology titled "Bioengineered and functionalized silk proteins accelerate wound healing in rat and human dermal fibroblasts." in December.



Department of Botany

Staff Achievements

Dr N Praveen Kumar

Dr N Praveen Kumar published a research article in Scopus Indexed Journal titled 'Phenotypical identification, Mycochemicals, Proximate composition and Antifungal activity of *Fulviformes fastuosus* (Lév.) Bondartseva and S. Herrera'. He also published a research article in Scopus Indexed Journal along with Dr. Stephen A of Botany Department titled 'First record of the occurrence of *Pleurotus* species on new hosts in Bangalore, Karnataka, India.'

He also published a research article in the Web of Science/ Clarivate Indexed Journal along with Dr. Stephen A of Botany Department titled 'Mycochemicals and Antidiabetic Activity Of Lignicolous Fungi – A Critical Review.'

He also participated in the Faculty Development Programme on The Five Learning Disciplines (Re-imaging St. Joseph's) organised by St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, India held on July 12 to July 13, 2022.

Department of Food Science and Technology

Staff Achievements Dr Mohan Kumar S

Dr. Mohan Kumar S attended and presented a paper on "Evaluation of Pharmacological Properties of Methanolic Extracts of *Randia Dumetorum* (Lamk) against Bovine Mastitis" (Mohankumar S, Anil K Gupta, Neeta S, 2022) at the National Conference on 'New Vistas in Chemistry', which was organized by the Department of Chemistry, Bangalore University on August 3 and 4, 2022. He attended a five-day International Faculty Development Program on 'Mathematical Modelling of Biosystems with Special Focus on Epidemiology'. Mizoram University organized the programme, from August 8 to August 27, 2022. From February 2022 to June 2022, he completed the Master's Certificate Course in Diabetic Pharmacotherapy (MCCDP) offered by Geethanjali Institute of Pharmacy, Geethanjali University, Udaipur, Rajasthan, and CliMed Research Solutions, India. On September 19, 2022, he completed the course and was awarded a certificate. On August 12, 2022, he participated in the National Webinar on 'Systems Biology'. The webinar was organized by The American College's Postgraduate and Research Department of Botany. On September 13 and 14, 2022, he participated in a two-day national virtual lecture workshop on 'Recent Advances in Life Science' organized by the Department of Botany, Davangere University, and KSTA. He successfully completed a 40 Days Online Orientation Programme, from April 14 - May 24, 2022. The programme was on 'Skill Training and Entrepreneurial Internship' organized by MeitY-Gol-IGNTU Project and PMMMMNTT-TLC-IGNTU Project.



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Department of Computer Science

Clouding Computing - Industry Perspective

A talk on cloud computing was held on October 1, 2022 at Magis block in St. Joseph's University. The spokesperson was Mr Abbas, a program manager at Method Hub with over 20 years of experience in the industry. He spoke about various aspects of cloud computing, specifically focussing on AWS-including the services and certifications provided by them. He also spoke about the prospective career roles offered to those with AWS certifications and the areas one can excel in. Later on in the session, he also mentioned the underlying fundamentals of cloud computing technology and its relevance in the present day scenario.

Pre-placement Talk

A pre-placement talk was organized by AWS Academy and the Department of Computer Science, for III year computer science students. The guests were two industry professionals: Mr Abbas and Mr Himmath Husain. Mr Husain who is a talent acquisition professional at Decision Minds talked in length about the key factors and qualities that one should have to ace job interviews and the way in which one should prepare. He also talked about different things that an interviewer will look for in the resume of a fresher and how one can stand out. The session was interactive

as he conducted mock interviews and gave everyone an idea of what is to be expected and how to groom themselves to enter into the corporate world. It was an enlightening session and it helped the students prepare and gain confidence to do well in interviews and in securing a good job.

Faculty Achievements

Research Publications

Dr B G Prasanthi published a paper on "Intelligent Parking System Using Lifi Technology and Convolutional Neural Networks", in Journal of Basic Sciences, Volume 22, issue 10, page 196-200. In August 2022, he also published a paper on "HYB-DRIOD :A Hybrid Framework for Android Malware" in The Patent Office Journal No.U/S 11A along with Dr Shashikala D. Dr Bojamma, Dr B G Prasanthi, Ms Banu M, Ms Mrinmoyee attended a 7 day faculty development programme from December 8 to December 15, 2022. The programme was on Outcome Based Education (OBE) in computer science discipline organised by Marian College (Autonomous), Kuttikkanam in association with The Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC).

Dr Shashikala D also published a paper on "Offline Tamil Character Recognition Using Chain Code and Chess Board Distance Measure" in The International Journal of Early childhood Special Education. She also defended her thesis on the topic "Offline Tamil Character Recognition Using Chain Code and Chess Board Distance Measure" at Mother Teresa Women's University, Madurai.

Ms Sarakutty T K published a paper on "Smart Mask For Improved Personal Health Protection Using IOT" on December 9, 2022 in The Patent Office Journal No.49/2022. She also presented a paper on "Data Driven Approach to Predict Ground Water Level Using Support Vector Regression" at the International conference-Applied Artificial Intelligence and Computing. She has also participated in a Faculty Development Programme from November 7 to November 13, 2022

on Python 3.4.3 organized by Christ Academy Institute for Advanced Studies with course material provided by spoken tutorial project, IIT Bombay.

In March 2022, Ms Anne Syrein published a paper on “Sentiment Polarity Through Sarcasm Identification Detection in Tweets” in the Indian Journal of Natural sciences (IJONS). She also published a paper on “Knowledge Based Techniques for Pragmatic Feature Engineering and Opinion Mining on Divergent Data Sets”. She also presented a paper on “Deep Learning Techniques for Pragmatic Feature Engineering and Satirical Tweets Classification” at Ramaiah College in March 2022. Ms Banu M participated in a 6 day workshop on “Data Analytics Using R Programming Organized by ASC Degree College from April 18 to April 24, 2022. DrPuneethKumarBSpublishedapaper on “Internet of Things and Cognitive Radio Networks and Applications, Challenges and Future” in Springer.

Text books Published

Dr B G Prasanthi, Dr Shashikala, Dr Hubert Shanthan published a book Computer Networks with Skyward Publications. Dr Bojamma, Ms Mrinmoyee, Dr B G Prasanthi published a book Operating system with Skyward Publications. **Dr B G Prasanthi, Dr Shashikala D** published a book Computer Communication and Computer Networks with Skyward Publications for Bengaluru North University.

Student Achievements

Vishnu G Yadav attended the ICCIC conference conducted by the Presidency University on September 16, 2022. He published his survey paper, along with his teammate Sumanta Debanth on the topic the Role of Cloud Computing in Global Affairs. Anand and Bharat bagged first prize in Code Shastra, a coding and debugging event that took place at Christ University during

Gateways the intercollegiate fest.



Industry interaction with Tata Consultancy Engineers

The Department of Computer Science organised an interactive session with the Tata Consultancy Engineers (TCE) on December 15, 2022. The main objective of the session was to create a talent pool of industry ready students and to teach them about the ecosystem which will provide value to IT business needs. It also aimed to improve behavioral and technical capabilities of students with emphasis on innovation. The areas of infrastructure, applications, maintenance, and support were discussed.



Guest Lecture

The Department of Computer Science conducted a guest lecture, Flow to Crack an Interview on October 29, 2022. Dr B G Prasanthi organised the event and it was held at Magis block in St. Joseph's University. The speaker was Mr Amarnath, associate manager, test engineering at Accenture.

Department of Advanced Computing

Departmental Activity

Lecture Series

The session of ADDA1 was presented by Mr L Ravichandran, former President and Chief Operating Officer at Tech Mahindra. The session started with a brief introduction about Mr L Ravichandran followed by a Q&A session. The questions discussed some of the challenges faced by Mr L Ravichandran as a Chief Operations Officer, his blogs on AI and Ethics and the traits and qualities required for youngsters in data driven fields. II MSc Big Data Analytics students of St. Joseph's University had attended the session. Department Head Dr Jayati Bhadra, Dr Nikhil Jha (Professor, Department of Economics) and other faculty members were present. The ADDA2 in the series of Adda sessions for the MSc batch of 2021-2023 was held on November 11, 2022. Mr Rajeeva Karandikar was the guest speaker for the session. He is the Chairman of National Statistics Commission and Former Director of Chennai Mathematical Institute. The session began with Dr Srinivas Bhogle followed by a Q&A session. About 30 questions were asked that focused on Statistics. The final ADDA3 session for the MSc Big Data Analytics batch 2021-2023 was held on November 23, 2022. Dr Tapen Sinha was the distinguished guest for the session. He has published 120 papers and 8 books. He graduated from ISI India followed by a Ph.D from the University of Minnesota. II MSc Big Data Analytics students of St. Joseph's University had attended the session. Department Head Dr Jayati Bhadra and other faculty members were present for the lectures.

Companies Visited

KPMG, NielsenIQ and TCS visited and recruited the students through

campus placement. Around 30 students have got internships in different companies.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Jayati Bhadra

Dr Jayati Bhadra was invited as an academic advisor to the Department of Statistics under the Research Cell of MES Degree College, Malleswaram, Bangalore on November 12, 2022. She delivered a talk on Data Analytics at MES Kishora Kendra on December 6, 2022. She received an acceptance for the article titled 'Natural disaster recovery for flood affected areas using YOLOv7 object detection and instance segmentation' which will be published in Geographies of the Indian Subcontinent - Cutting Edge Methods in 21st Century Research, scheduled to be published by Springer Nature (Switzerland) tentatively in May 2023.

Dr Sivakannan

Dr Sivakannan published a book titled Computer Network and Network Security in September 2022. He attended Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Machine Learning Applications to Optimization Based Control in the month of December at College of Engineering, Pune. He presented a paper titled "Prediction of Strength of Concrete with Nano Silica and Silica Fume Using BPANN" during World Conference Edition 43 on Applied Science Engineering Technology at Padre Conceicao College of Engineering, Goa on December 29, 2022. He delivered a talk on "FPGA based system design using Verilog & VHDL" at Saveetha Engineering College, Chennai on November 29, 2022. He guided Karnataka State Council for Science Technology Project titled "Detection of Citrus leaf diseases using different deep learning architectures" under student project programme scheme. He served as SPOC (Single Point Of Contact) for Smart India Hackathon 2022 conducted by the Ministry of

Education, Govt of India, Ministry of Education Innovation Cell and AICTE

Dr Asha.K

Dr Asha K published a chapter titled "Reducing Counterfeit Medicine through Blockchain" in Blockchain Technology for IoE: Security and Privacy Perspective under CRC book series by Taylor and Francis Group called Computational Intelligence Techniques. She presented a paper titled "Real-estate Housing Market Analytics and Prediction using Big Data for Post Pandemic Era" for the International Conference (Edition 14) on Soft Computing and Pattern Recognition 2022 organized by Machine Intelligence Research Lab, Auburn, Washington, USA. She attended a fifteen-day Faculty Development Programme on Deep Learning and Computer Vision organized by Edulab IIT Madras from September 9, 2022 to October 4, 2022

She also attended a one week National Level Faculty Development programme on Outcome based Education in Computer Science Discipline organized by Kerala State Higher Education Council and Maryam College Kuttikkanam, Kottayam, Kerala from December 8, 2022 to December 15, 2022. She also attended a five-day Skill Development Programme on IPR, Copyrights, Patent Filing and Pathway for Entrepreneurship organized by KCE and IEEE on November 21, 2022. She also attended a three day seminar on JESCOL Towards Proactive Partnership organized by Bangalore Jesuit Education Society, Bengaluru from December 8, 2022 to December 10, 2022.

Dr Mahuya Deb

Dr Mahuya Deb completed an Executive PG Programme in Data Science with specialization in Deep Learning from International Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore in September 2022. She received acceptance for a paper "Managing Tourism in North East India

using Fuzzy Linear Programming” in Journal of Computational Analysis and Applications. She attended a three day seminar on “JESCOL Towards Proactive Partnership” organized by Bangalore Jesuit Education Society, Bengaluru from December 8, 2022 to December 10, 2022.

Student Achievements

Ms Nidhi Teresa George, Mr Bharath Sakthivel, and Mr Thenis Amal Raj from II MSc Big Data Analytics completed a Karnataka State Council for Science Technology project titled “Detection of Citrus leaf diseases using different deep learning architectures Under Student Project

Subcontinent - Cutting Edge Methods in 21st Century Research, scheduled to be published by Springer Nature (Switzerland) tentatively in May 2023.

Purva Singh, Shrimantha, Merin, Aaron, Rashmi and Alexei from II MSc Big Data Analytics were selected for Smart India Hackathon 2022 Grand Finale.

Mr Karan Agarwal (I MSc Big Data Analytics) won third prize in Code Shastra (Coding and Debugging event) organized by department of Computer Science, Christ University on September 23, 2022.

Mr Lohith Ashwa (III BCA Data Analytics) won Best Paper and

Mr Anish Dugar (I BCA Data Analytics) completed training at Army Attachment Camp with Parachute Regiment Training Centre, Bengaluru from November 6, 2022 to November 17, 2022.

Mr Josh Eby Mathew (III BCA Data Analytics) secured first place in Vernacular Singing Group during Stauros Fest at Mount Carmel College, Bangalore on September 30, 2022.

Mr Veda Kumar (III BCA Data Analytics) participated as NSS programme officer/NSS Volunteer in National Integration Camp organized by National Service Scheme (NSS) Cell, M.D University Rohtak sponsored by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India from December 7, 2022 to December 13, 2022. He also participated as a volunteer for Prevention of Road Accident Awareness by Youth Thread Cross organized by NSS on December 7, 2022.



Programme scheme” in August 2022.

Ms Christine Biju Jacob (II MSc Big Data Analytics) co-authored with Dr Asha.K and presented a paper for International Conference (Edition 14) on SoCPaR (Soft Computing and Pattern Recognition) 2022 organized by Machine Intelligence Research Lab, Auburn, Washington, USA.

Mr Shrimanta Satpati (II MSc Big Data Analytics) co-authored with Dr Jayati Bhadra and received an acceptance for the article titled ‘Natural disaster recovery for flood affected areas using YOLOv7 object detection and instance segmentation’ which will be published in Geographies of the Indian

Best Presentation award during World Conference (Edition 43) on Applied Science Engineering & Technology at Padre Conceicao College of Engineering, Goa on December 29, 2022.

Mr Yaswanth J (I MSc Big Data Analytics) was one of the nominees of Namma Bengaluru Awards 2022 organized by Namma Bengaluru Foundation in August 2022. He also attended the Basic Mountaineering course conducted by the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports, Arunachal Pradesh from May 21, 2022 to June 17, 2022.

National Service Scheme

NSS-UNIT 1 & 2

State Youth Festival

A State-level Youth Festival Camp was organised in Mysore from August 21-25, 2022. At this camp, there were about 200 participants, representing 14 different universities located around Karnataka. Coordinated by all units of NSS, 13 volunteers were deputed from Bengaluru City University and one among them was a Volunteer from our institution. The camp's inauguration started with a procession by all the university representatives that showcased the diverse culture of Karnataka. All the volunteers then headed to Lalitha Kala Mandira where the Youth festival was inaugurated by the State NSS Officer, Shri Pratap Lingaiah, and the ceremony was presided over by the Vice Chancellor of Mysore University. For the next 3 days, various inter-university Competitions were organised. A routine was fixed for the 5 days camp, which started with a flag hoist, explaining the theme for the day, and reading the previous day's report, followed by exercises, breakfast, and fieldwork. Each day three competitions were held.

The Inter-University Competitions that were organized are as follows: Solo Dance, Solo Singing, Debate Competition, Skit, Quiz Competition, Essay Competition, Group Singing, Painting, and Exhibition. Different resource people were invited to the camp to educate on different aspects of life. This helped the campers in framing their overall personal development as a group and as an individual. A separate session on how NSS teaches life lessons was conducted. More than 10 resource persons were involved in this 4-hour-long discussion. On the fourth day, a 'Deepotsava' program was conducted. The camp was concluded with a Valedictory Programme. Volunteers from Various Universities also shared their experiences with the camp. The program ended with a video about

the journey of camp. The University of Mangalore won the competition's overall championship.

Blood Donation Camp-Global Blood Heroes

On August 27, 2022, thousands of people across 27 countries came together to donate blood on a single day through the #GlobalBloodHeroes campaign. The Who is Hussain organization launched its ambitious #GlobalBloodHeroes campaign, aiming to break the world record for the most blood donations in one day. Coinciding with World Blood Donation Day, the campaign, coordinated by all units of NSS, invited the public worldwide to register to donate blood. More than 50 Camps were set up in India for this purpose. One among them was St. Joseph's University and with the collaboration of NCC and NSS, around 700 units of blood were collected through this camp. The Blood Banks that were present to collect the blood were: Indira Gandhi Blood Bank, Narayana Health Blood Bank, and Bangalore Medical Services Trust Blood Bank. The basketball court of the University was specifically allocated for the students and the staff to donate, whereas in Xavier Hall other people outside the university donated blood. Mr Syed Kirmani, former Indian cricketer, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, Vice Chancellor, St Joseph's University, and

many other eminent personalities were also present to grace the occasion and to bring awareness about donating blood. News 1 Kannada, Tv 9, and other news channels were also present to cover the event. The Blood donation started at 8:00 am and went up to 6:00 pm. The Campaign broke the world record for the largest blood drive in history. Authenticated by the Official World Records, the total number of blood donations was 37,018, beating the previous record of 34,723 set in 2020. With up to three lives saved per donation, over 110,000 lives could be saved by the campaign's effort.

International Basketball Tournament

The FIBA U-18 Women's Asian Basketball Championships was held in two divisions. While the eight teams in Division A' played their matches at the Sree Kanteerava stadium, and Division 'B', comprising a similar number of teams, witnessed the action at the Koramangala indoor stadium. Hosts India was in Division A with China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Chinese Taipei, Australia, and New Zealand. Division B consisted of Hong Kong, Jordan, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Philippines, Samoa, and Thailand. The top four teams from the seven-day meet qualified for the FIBA U-19 Women's World Cup to be held in Madrid from July 15-23 next year.



Preparations were on track and both venues were refurbished as per FIBA guidelines. The Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports provided full assistance to the Basketball Federation of India. In total, 192 players, 96 officials, and 100 volunteers participated in the championship. The volunteers of the National Service Scheme of St. Joseph's University were invited as an audience to cheer for all the teams. Coordinated by all units of NSS, The volunteers had the opportunity to learn about the sport and were able to witness the other countries' talent as well. They also organized themselves in assisting the international participants who had attended the event.

Walkathon

On October 16, 2022, a Walkathon was organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan in collaboration with the Ministry of youth affairs and sports to celebrate World Standards day from Bangalore palace to Vidhana Soudha. Drinking water is water intended for human consumption from any source, treated or untreated. The quality standards for drinking water in India are prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards laid down ISI 10500: 2012. The ISI mark certifies that a product conforms to an Indian standard developed by the BIS. Coordinated by all units of NSS, the volunteers reached Bangalore Palace and were asked to sign the volunteer list and fill in their contact number along with



their signature. The volunteers were given a water bottle with an ISI mark on it. The event organizers briefed the volunteers about the event. They also created awareness about the fake ISI symbols on utensils. The event began around 10:00 am. The end venue Vidhana Soudha was cancelled since the minister's consent was not sought. Given that the event was a walkathon, the fact that volunteers were obstructing traffic was upsetting the general public. The volunteers were instructed to return by walking to the Bangalore Palace. After the ceremony, breakfast was served to the volunteers. The walkathon conducted by the organization provided the volunteers with an insight into the duplicates of the brand and it has led to a motivational reason for having adapted to healthy lifestyle change

Inaugural ceremony

On October 19, 2022, the NSS cell of St. Joseph's University organised the inauguration ceremony of the National Service Scheme. At 3:00 pm, Unit-2 Programme Officer Ms Raj Kiran gave a welcome address to commence the programme. Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Pro Vice Chancellor of St. Joseph's University, Shri Pratap Lingaiah, state officer for the NSS in Karnataka, and Sri. YM Uppin, youth officer for the Government of Karnataka all attended the ceremony as honorary main guests. They were cordially welcomed by Mr Selwyn Paul J, NSS program Coordinator of St. Joseph's University. Followed by the lighting of lamps and untying the banner of NSS. The first speaker, Shri Prathap Lingaiah, began by emphasising the value of service in a student's life. He then provided information on how NSS is now included into the school curriculum to encourage students to engage in larger-scale community service. Following that, Sri. YM Uppin congratulated the NSS at St. Joseph's University for reaching 53 successful years since the NSS was first created in the country in 1969. He also discussed how NSS will support students' social and personal growth through participating in rural camps, surveys, and other activities. Lastly, Dr Ronald Mascarenhas discusses many

occasions where he felt the flame of social service began to ignite and how it affected him personally as well as society at large. He also provided numerous insightful quotations, which had a significant influence on the volunteers' thinking. The event came to an end with a vote of thank by Mr Prashanth, NSS Program officer, thanking the eminent guests, the Vice Chancellor Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, for his constant support, the program officers of all the Units, the teaching and non-teaching staff, and volunteers. This event marked the significant start of NSS cell in St. Joseph's University. The insightful words from all the honorable guests of the day indeed made the evening worth it and productive.

Koti Kanta Gayana

On the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava, the Karnataka government organised a program 'Koti Kanta Gayana' on October 28, 2022, at 11:00 am. The aim was to involve one crore of volunteers in this program and create a world record. Coordinated by all units of NSS, this was organized for the volunteers to be aware of the importance of the language and know its significance. The program comprised volunteers singing Kannada songs that were about Karnataka and Kannada. All 50 volunteers left the University around 10:22 am and reached Kanteerava Stadium by 10:40 a.m. A few volunteers were given Karnataka flags and all the people in the stadium were given cookies and veg puffs. Six Kannada songs were sung simultaneously by thousands of voices. The songs were as follows: State Anthem, Udayavagali Namma Cheluva Kannada Nadu, Barisu Kannada Dindimava, Hacchevu Kannada Deepa, Vishwavinutana Vidyachetana, and Huttidi Kannadali Nadalli Utdi Udali Nadu. Later, there was a photo session of all the volunteers from the NSS units of St. Joseph's University along with the NSS coordinator. The event generated a sense of pride in the minds of the volunteers for being a part of a culture that is so rich and vibrant.



NSS Festival

Celebration of the 15th year of meritorious service of the Credit-I organisation was held on October 29, 2022, as part of the NSS Festival. Various literary and cultural state-level inter-university competitions were organised. 11 volunteers from our university participated in this event that included all units. The volunteers were accompanied by Mr Prasad and they departed Bengaluru at 5:00 am and reached Mysore at 8:25 a.m. Later on, the team reached Kala Mandira where instructions about the events were given. After the session, the volunteers from all the universities headed to the respective venues where the competitions were conducted simultaneously. After the competitions, lunch was provided to all the volunteers. There was a mono-act drama performed by Mysore University, continued by a valedictory programme, where the winners of the Janapada competitions were announced along with achievers from rural backgrounds were awarded the "Karnataka Kanmani" award. Ms Bhumika, from our university, won third prize in the Janapada singing competition and won a cash prize of



Rs.2000. The program ended at 7:00 p.m. and the team departed from Mysore at 8:00 p.m. Through this event, the volunteers were able to gain new skills, understand the social history of the NSS festival, discover ideas on culture, and be open.

Inauguration Ceremony

On October 31, 2022, the ceremony was planned as the NSS unit -1 & 2 inauguration and badging ceremony for the recently elected committee members. The activity took place offline in Xavier Hall, PG Block. Ms Santa Sylvia, creator of Hope Nest, and Mr Selwyn Paul, NSS Program Coordinator, were the event's main guests. Even though it was the first time, over 200 volunteers took part in the event, which received a surprising amount of support.

National Unity Day

On the special Occasion of National Unity Day, The National Service Scheme Unit-1 and Unit -2 organised a programme called "National Unity Day" on October 31, 2022, at 12:00 pm. The aim was to bring awareness of unity among people. Mrs Santa Sylvia, founder of NGO "Hope nest" was the chief guest at the event. After a brief introduction about herself, she began by talking about social services and their effects. She talked about her life experiences of being a social work degree holder despite being bad at studies and how those experiences shaped her into who she is today. Later on, she spoke on the discrimination she faced due to her dark skin which led to a Campaign to promote equality based on skin colour, and how this helped her to gradually form the NGO, "Hope Nest".

The reason behind the celebration was to make people aware of the ideas of staying together and uplifting society. The event helped volunteers understand why it is important to instill a service mentality in them. This was a great opportunity to deepen these bonds by bringing people together who see each other rarely.

Talent Hunt (Volunteers)

The purpose of the event Volunteers Got Talent was to showcase the top skills among our volunteers. Six or more of the cultural events held on campus were offline. Every event went off without a hitch. Dancing, singing, stand-up comedy, and other activities are included in the events. The volunteers eagerly participated and displayed their abilities.

Tale of Two Elephants

To take part in the programme, the volunteers had travelled to A Rocha India First Field Study. Giving an introduction to the organisation and its programmes was the main goal. Several huge creatures that are in danger of extinction rely on the forests of southern India, yet these areas contain dense human populations. Around 256 square kilometers are protected by Bannerghatta National Park (BNP), which is located in the Eastern Ghats and is only 22 kilometers south of Bangalore, India's third-largest metropolis. It is a crucial landscape because it links to bigger forest tracts in the South, offering an undisturbed connection between the Eastern and Western Ghats. It is a part of the biggest scrub forests in the nation.

National Constitution Day

Mr Vasanth, Advocate (High Court of Karnataka) was the guest speaker. The seminar was hugely informative and provided the participants, academicians, and the teaching faculty, with enormous knowledge on various aspects of the Indian Constitution and the fundamental rights of its citizens. Mr Thakur said that nurturing secularism helps to get rid of intolerance and Linguistic

pluralism has to be nurtured. He ends this address by saying that it is the people of a country who make the constitution work. Later on, he elaborated on Amendments to the Indian constitution and the various challenges to modern India, Constitutional trends: Secularism is the basic structure of the Indian constitution, and Fundamental rights and modern-day challenges. He concluded his session by stating how Fundamental rights aim to restore the individual and collective interest, but however, there are also challenges such as lack of information on Fundamental Rights, adjustments that make us comply with the wrong, no critical thinking and evaluation of choosing our representatives, decriminalisation on the basis of religion, privatization in the government and citizens not casting their votes and even using NOTA.

National Constitution Day (Quiz)

The NSS council members organised a quiz online for volunteers to participate as part of the celebration of Indian Constitution Day. The programme began as soon as all of the volunteers entered the meeting. As soon as the meeting began, the council members addressed the volunteers before giving the participants instructions about the quiz. The quiz was sent through Google forms. The participants were seen taking the quiz seriously. Once the given time was up, google forms closed on its own. Overall, the quiz was an enriching experience for the council members and volunteers.

Human Rights Day

On the account of Human Rights Day, an event was organised on December 10, 2022, at Indian Social Institute, Benson Town. After the arrival of the volunteers at the venue around 3:30 pm, the organizers welcomed them with snacks and drinks. The chief guest addressed the gathering and spoke about Human Rights and their significance. Several students performed dancing, singing, and skits as part of the event. The purpose of the occasion was to announce and award prizes to college students who participated in different NSS

committee-organized events. It was a 3-hour show that lasted until late evening. When the programme drew to an end, they distributed candles and requested each volunteer to light one and say a prayer before the session was wrapped off with a group photo.

Quizetion

“Quizetion” was held on November 5, 2022, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. The quiz was conducted to put out the message that “the measure of intelligence is the ability to change.” The quiz was conducted for the students to showcase their skills and knowledge. Under the guidance of Mr Vinay M, the representative of Unit-2, the event was conducted in an online webinar. The speaker for the program was Ms Veena Nirmala, from the Department of Mathematics. Ms Veena offered a brief explanation



of the creation and operation of the NSS as well as the state of Karnataka. She insisted that the volunteers must act responsibly and with discipline in order to portray themselves as effective NSS volunteers. The webinar, meanwhile, was bilingual, containing elements of both English and Kannada, making it first challenging to grasp. With time, though, it became simpler thanks to the accompanying slideshow. The quiz was held towards the end of the event and was based on the webinar. It consisted of 30 questions, among which 10 questions were about Karnataka and remaining 20 questions were about NSS and its history. This event was conducted for the volunteers to gain knowledge about NSS and Karnataka.

Walkathon

In collaboration with the election commission of India, a walkathon was organized to spread awareness about voting on November 9, 2022. Volunteers from St. Joseph’s University were also called to participate in this event. The walkathon began at 6:30 am, starting at the designated locations of Hudson Circle and Lalbagh Gate and ending at Bala Bhavana. Every volunteer who took part in the walkathon received a cap carrying the emblem of the Karnataka government. After arriving at the venue, they were briefed about the importance of voting and how it is a fundamental right of every citizen. He further added that many do not know how to apply for a voter ID. So, in order to teach the general public the importance of it, a walkathon was organized. The volunteers were enthusiastic and enjoyed participating in the walkathon by holding placards and posters. Refreshments were also provided to the volunteers who participated. Through this, they were able to learn the importance of voting and how it is the duty of every citizen to choose the right representative for the country.

Best out of waste

The event Best Out of Waste was held on November 10, 2022, at 1:00 pm at St. Joseph University. The event’s goal was to promote environmentally friendly practices while simultaneously making usable items out of discarded materials. After arriving at the venue, the volunteers were briefed about the rules and regulations of the event. Participants were given a time of 1-hour to create something out of the waste materials. Participants used their imagination and creativity to make innovative things. All the waste materials from daily life were put to constructive use, and a variety of items were created from them. Ms Raj Kiran who was the staff in charge of the event also looked at the creative preparation done by the participants. After an hour, the participants were told to display the innovative things which were done out of waste. Mr Ebenezer from the Statistics department was the judge for the event. The participants



were judged based on creativity, design, and presentation. The event concluded around 3:00 pm. Through this, the participants were able to showcase their creative talent.

Cleanliness drive

The university management needed volunteers to clean the store room which is located in the basement. Volunteers who were interested registered their name. The cleanliness drive was held on November 11, 2022. The volunteers had to assemble before the NSS office by 8:45 am. They were all led to the parking basement once they arrived to assist the college staff and cleaning crew in sorting stuff into two categories: (1) scrap and (2) goods that may be utilised again. The volunteers were provided with masks and two gloves each. They were divided into two teams. Five volunteers made up each team, and they were instructed to assist the cleaning crew by sorting all of the folders and files. Tables, chairs, cabinets, and other heavy objects had to be moved by the remaining volunteers. The volunteers had organised everything as scrap and reuse in a basement interior area that had been cleaned. Afterwards, the cleaning crew needed the volunteers' assistance to clean a room close to the Science building where all the medical supplies were kept during the covid periods. The initiative for a cleanliness drive ended at that point. The volunteers were able to understand the struggles college cleaning workers face every day.

Create and reflect

The event was conducted on November 15, 2022, at 12:00 pm in the auditorium basement of St. Joseph's University. The event's theme is "create and reflect," therefore participants must both develop and execute a skit or play based on the topics provided, as well as immediately create a poster based on that topic. The group members were divided on spot and were told to select a representative among themselves and were given a topic as well. They were 7 groups, each consisting of 5 to 6 members. The groups were provided a time limit of 10 mins to discuss the topic and their plans to execute it. Ms Raj Kiran was asked to attend the event as a guest and spectator. She then came to the ceremony, saw all the posters, and expressed her appreciation. Following that, the groups were called to perform the skit, and they did a fantastic job by coming up with a story and executing the topic very well. The event came to an end around 3:00 pm. Through this event, the volunteers were able to showcase their talents and were able to deepen their knowledge of various topics that were provided.

Walkathon

The Indian Red Cross Society, the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, and other like-minded organisations worked together to organise an event under the National Service Scheme. The programme was mainly organised to spread awareness about traffic rules, regulations, and road safety to the general public on the occasion of "Road Accident Prevention Day on November 17, 2022, from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. Kanteerava Stadium hosted a rally. A maximum of 100 St. Joseph's University students took part in the awareness campaign, with 20 of them coming from Unit 2 of NSS. The volunteers were instructed to assemble near Kanteerava stadium around 7:30 am. The volunteers held placards and banners to promote road awareness and traffic rules as they marched along the road. The

route was as follows: -The main gate of Kanteerava Stadium served as the starting place, and from there it went to Cubbon Park, then to Chinnaswamy Stadium, then to Vidhana Soudha, and finally returned to Kanteerava Stadium. The volunteers held up placards and banners to the general public and to spread awareness about road safety. A lot of other schools and colleges from Bangalore took part in the event as well. The event ended around 9:20, and volunteers were given beverages and snacks. Ultimately, the event was a success and turned out to be an educational experience for all the volunteers, as they demonstrated their social skills and their responsibility as Indian citizens.

NSS UNIT-4 Orientation and Investiture Ceremony

The orientation that was held on October 31, 2022, briefed about the importance of NSS, its role in society, and its relation with the students and the community around them. It helped students to understand the motive of NSS and how things work in NSS. Unit 4 of NSS organised an orientation program and investiture ceremony to introduce its volunteers to NSS and its council members. The event began with an NSS Song and the programme Officer Dr Mary Princess Lavanya introduced the Chief Guest to the gathering. The Chief Guest addressed the gathering and had clearly made his speech on Bratutva (brotherhood) and defined students' responsibilities in NSS. He discussed the humanization of various castes and socially disadvantaged groups. Moreover, he emphasised that it is the volunteers' duty to take on the role of teaching people about this issue. The badge was conferred to the programme officer and the Council Members were inducted. Mr Selwyn Paul J gave instructions about how NSS works in the university. The event had an enlightening impact on the volunteers and the council members as well. The orientation programme had given them a clear perspective on the motive of NSS and its vision over societal issues.

The volunteers were able to develop a sense of acknowledgment of the true spirit of individuality and unlocked the potential of service and oneness.

Fit India Movement: Aerobic Session

The Fit India Movement event, which was held on October 31, 2022, focused on promoting the notion of physical activity in daily life. The guests and resource person had arrived by 9:00 a.m. The chief guest gave a speech related to fitness and how it contributes to physical and mental wellness. They briefed about managing academics alongside fitness, how being physically active can improve brain health, help manage weight, reduce the risk of disease, strengthen bones and muscles, and improve the ability to do everyday activities. The aerobics and dance workout sessions were conducted successfully. The aerobics exercise was enjoyable for the volunteers, who came away with exhausted bodies but renewed minds. The volunteers cooperated well with the guests and were active and involved in the session. The chief guests were given greeting cards as a small token of appreciation.

Q'riuzBeez22

The Intra-College event was organized by the Council for Molecular and Computational Biology of St. Joseph's University. The National Service Scheme Unit 4 was approached to arrange 20 volunteers for the Discipline Maintenance of the event. They were assigned to the morning shift which was from 8:00 am to 11:30 am. All the volunteers assembled in front of the Auditorium at 8:00 am as instructed by the Disciplinary In charge of the event, Mr Ajith. The Volunteers were briefed about their roles. The participants from other colleges started arriving and the volunteers were positioned from the registration table to the auditorium for guiding the participants. The volunteers were also posted inside the Auditorium where the inauguration of the event took place. The inauguration started at 8:30 am. Later, all the volunteers

reached the auditorium basement at 10:30 am as instructed for the Trials of Treasure Hunt. All the volunteers were given refreshments as well. The Disciplinary In Charge Mr Ajith delivered the volunteering certificates of all the volunteers after two days of the event, on November 4, 2022, and they were given to all the volunteers across the unit. The volunteers gained an understanding of volunteering for competitions and were able to learn the maintenance of discipline among a large crowd. They also learned how to cooperate with each other.

Poster-Making Competition

The National Service Scheme (UNIT 4) of St Joseph's University organized a poster-making competition on November 4, 2022. The intent of the poster-making event is to make volunteers think differently about the things that they may be learning or doing. There are a variety of ways to communicate with society, but one of the most beneficial ways is by interacting with the people around by using posters that can clearly display the message. When used correctly, posters can catch the eyes of people and make them aware of certain issues existing within society that they wouldn't otherwise have known about. The theme for the poster-making competition was NSS and social issues involved in society. This event helped students connect with other volunteers and worked together as a team. The judges for the event were Mr. Prasad, Assistant programme



officer unit 4, and NSS coordinator Mr Selwyn Paul J. In total, 25 volunteers participated in the event in which 11 teams were made; solo and groups. The volunteers were enthusiastic

and came up with different themes that were beautifully portrayed in the posters. The event went on for an hour and photos were clicked with the volunteers along with their posters. The judges showed a lot of interest and supported the volunteers. The posters were judged on the basis of creativity and theme relevance. The judges decided on the winners right after the event.

Walkathon

The Election Commission of India with the collaboration of BBMP and other organizations organized a walkathon on November 9, 2022, to bring awareness about the importance of voting. The event started off with the organizers briefing about the importance of voting. Volunteers were asked to actively get involved in the walkathon to bring awareness about voting. The walkathon was from 6:30 am onwards, from the allotted start destination: Hudson circle, Lalbagh gate to the end destination: Bala Bhavana. Caps with the Karnataka government logo were provided to every volunteer who participated in the walkathon. Students from various colleges and schools also participated in the walkathon. The walkathon programme started at 7:00 am. The route of the Walkathon is as follows: Hudson Circle, Cubbon Park main gate, Central library, Karnataka High Court, Vidhana Soudha, Press Club, and Bala Bhavana. Placards were given to the volunteers to hold throughout the walkathon. The volunteers had reached Vidhana Soudha by 7:30 am and pictures of the participating volunteers were clicked. Breakfast and water bottles were provided to the volunteers as well. Through this, the volunteers were able to realise the significance of voting, and how important it is to choose the right leader for the state/nation.

Open Stage

The event was organized on November 10, 2022, by NSS unit 4 to encourage volunteers to showcase their talents. This event enabled the volunteers to be courageous and

confident in showcasing their talents/potential. For this event, volunteers were present as both audiences and participants. The event began with a welcome speech. The participants of the event showed interest in singing and dancing. The other volunteers as audiences were supporting and cheering the participants. The committee members also took over the event by entertaining the crowd by performing stand-up comedies and singing. A speech by the teacher in charge was given as well. It was conveyed that everyone should attend such events where one gets to showcase their talents despite busy schedules. Both as performers and spectators, the volunteers had a good time. The volunteers gave their performances without hesitation, which assisted the participants who were experiencing stage fright and strived to project confidence on their own.

Cleanliness Drive

The cleanliness drive was held on November 11, 2022. The volunteers had to assemble before the NSS office by 8:45 am. After the arrival, they were all taken to the parking basement to help the college workers/cleaning staff to move/shift items into two categories: 1. Scrap and 2. Items that can be reused. The volunteers were provided with masks and two gloves each. They were divided into two teams. Five volunteers made up



each team, and they were instructed to assist the cleaning crew by sorting all of the folders and files. The remaining volunteers were tasked with moving heavy items like tables, chairs, cabinets, etc. The volunteers had cleaned an inner room in the basement and segregated things as categorized as scrap and reuse. Later,

the volunteers were asked to help the cleaning staff to clean another room near the Science block, where all the medical materials were arranged during the covid times. And with this, the cleanliness drive programme came to an end. Through this, the volunteers were able to experience the difficulty cleaning staff go through in college.

Road Accident Prevention Programme

State National Service Scheme Cell, in collaboration with the Department of youth empowerment and sports, Indian Red Cross Society and other organizations celebrated Road Accident Prevention Day on November 17, 2022. On this day, a Walkathon was held from 7:00 am to 9:00 am, with the start location being Kanteerava Stadium and the finish destination being Vidhana Soudha. After the volunteers had arrived, placards were held with road safety messages. A small talk on the importance of safety rules and a brief explanation on how to drive safely was given by the organizers to the volunteers. Right after the speech, the volunteers were asked to begin with the walkathon program and by 8:30 am, the program came to an end. The volunteers understood the importance of traffic rules imposed by the government and the necessity of wearing safety equipment such as helmets and seat belts while driving.

National Integration Day: Documentary and Deliberation

The event aimed was aimed at spreading awareness about obstacles that are hindering National integration. The event's volunteers, the instructor in charge Mr Amal Roshan, and the distinguished chief guest Mr Elango Stanislaus were all welcomed at the opening speech of the programme. The event began with a documentary that portrayed the message "Unity is Strength". The documentary consisted of an animated video that showed the reality of India in terms of unity. Following the documentary, the main guest took over the event and spoke

about our own integration—how we view it and how we would define it in society. The main guest said that while unity and the general well-being of the population do not alone denote integration, treating other members of society with dignity and respect is meant to be the mark of integration. Finding the appropriate answers to issues at the appropriate times is also crucial. Religions have different characteristics, but the same human essence. We must push ourselves to think differently and challenge the perception that we don't scrutinise every social conduct. As citizens of a nation like India, it is our responsibility to ensure that we appreciate variety, as well as various cuisines and customs. He concluded his speech by saying that NSS should aspire to be the type of citizen that works to improve their country, not just for themselves but also for others. Through this, the volunteers were able to understand the stands of serving society and gain a sense of individuality despite belonging to a diverse society.

National Service Scheme Cell Inaugural

The NSS cell inaugural event was conducted, on National integration day – November 19, 2022. The event had begun by cordially inviting the chief guest with a bouquet and lighting the lamp. Shri Prathap Lingiah shared a few of his thoughts about how students' working together in NSS shall thrive in nation-building and in bringing oneness and tranquility among all the individuals. Then, he shared his experience working in the NSS state office of Karnataka and stated the history of NSS evolution. According to Shri YM Uppin, we should cultivate the virtue of kindness as individuals. NSS members should be proud of their service to others, take pleasure in doing so, and go on helping others throughout their life. Right after the chief guest's speech, cultural activities, the act of Yakshagana, a traditional dance form of Karnataka, and Huli Vesha were performed. The inaugural ceremony came to an end by delivering the vote of thanks for the honorable delegates, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, and

volunteers. The volunteers were able to realise the virtue of kindness and the outcomes of giving back to the society that they live in.

Essay Competition

Essay competition was held on November 21, 2022, with the aim of making volunteers use essays to explore their own thoughts and feelings about various topics. The aim was to let the volunteers present their idea in a clear manner and understand the various ways they would want to be perceived by others. Writing is important because it allows people to express their feelings, thoughts, and opinions about the world around them. The topic for the essay competition was "Role of Youth in Breaking Unfair Societal Norms". There were about 22 volunteers that took part in this event. The essay's word count was 350 to 400 words. Dr. Mary Princess Lavanya, Programme officer, Unit-4 judged the essay contest. The participants were competent in comprehending, empathising with, and analysing the issue. They were frank about their responsibility for challenging some societal values that are detrimental to the development of any one person, group of people, or an entire nation.

Yuva Hakku: Bengaluru Youth for Diversity, Inclusion, and Human Rights (Inaugural Programme)

"Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for all" was the theme of the United Nations for International day of Human Rights 2022. To commemorate International Human Rights Day on December 10, 2022, Indian Social Institute, Bengaluru (ISIB), South India Cell for Human Rights Education and Monitoring (SICHREM), Women's Voice, Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies, Al Ameen College, BIRDS, St. Joseph's University-Bembala, Civic Bangalore, Don Bosco College, Fourth Wave Foundation, KSDCL, Mount Carmel College, Payana, PUCL, RISE & ACT, SAFAR, Samvidhanada Hadiyalli, Sarathya, St Claret College, St Aloysius College, Swatantra, Smile Project, Gamana, CARE, Karnataka Yuva Dhvani, Ondede, Study Circle Group, Global

Concerns India and various other like minded organizations, colleges, and individuals came together and organized various events for 10-days as a part of "Celebrating Rights" from December 1 to 10 in Bengaluru. The main objective of the Human Rights Week, 2022 was to bring awareness among the youth of Bengaluru on the theme, "Yuva Hakku: Bengaluru Youth for Diversity, Inclusion, and Human Rights". The inaugural program was held at St. Joseph's University, Xavier Hall on December 1, 2022, from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Chief Guest Dr YSR Murthy, Founding Vice Chancellor of RV University, Bengaluru, inaugurated the event and presided by Dr (Fr) G Augustine, Dean of Social Work, St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The special invitee of the program was Dr (Fr) Joseph Xavier SJ, Director, ISI-B, and Ms Margaret Sampath, Executive Director, SICHREM. The theme for the Inaugural programme was Youth for Dignity Freedom, and Justice for all: Youth for sustainable Health (Post Covid-19) and World AIDS Day. The day's activities were focused on educating the participants and volunteers about their own human rights. Also, to instill a feeling of accountability in the authorities and to hold them responsible for any violations of human rights.

National Integration Camp

NSS Cell, MDU, and Rohtak in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India organised a National Integration Camp, from December 7, 2022, to December 13, 2022, in Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana. The theme for the 2022 camp was "Azadi ki Amruth Mahotsav". The Camp was sponsored by the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Haryana. 200 Volunteers from 17 different States participated in this camp. Eight Volunteers from St Joseph's University along with their NSS Programme Officer, Mr Selwyn Paul J represented Karnataka in the Camp. After their arrival at the university, all of the volunteers were officially welcomed and informed to register. At six o'clock each morning throughout the camp, Prabhat Feri followed by a yoga

session was conducted. Following a number of thought-provoking lectures, an interstate competition for group dances was conducted, where teams from 17 states displayed their heritage. The team from Karnataka performed the ancient folklore of Karnataka – "Kamsaale; Goal Setting and Life Skills", Another Session was conducted on-Disability as Human Diversity organised by Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, and Haryana Welfare Society for Persons with Speech and Hearing Impairment. A trip to Agra was organised to show one of the Seven Wonders of the World to the volunteers from different states- The Taj Mahal. An Integration Rally was organized to show the state's traditional costumes. A sports competition was held in addition to the workshops and extracurricular activities to improve the sportsmanship among the volunteers. The volunteers from Karnataka won the most trophies among the 17 states, taking home a total of 6 at the prize distribution that followed. The National Integration Camp 2022 ended with the valedictory session.

Yuva Hakku: Bengaluru Youth for Diversity, Inclusion, and Human Rights (Valedictory Programme)

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likeminded organizations, colleges, and individuals came together and organized various events for 10-days as a part of “Celebrating Rights” from December 1 to 10 in Bengaluru. The main objective of Human Rights Week, 2022 was to bring awareness among the youth of Bengaluru on the theme, “Yuva Hakku: Bengaluru Youth for Diversity, Inclusion, and Human Rights”. It is important to keep in mind that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, also known as the UDHR, is an important milestone in the history of human rights and serves as a benchmark for success for all peoples and all countries. It lays forth fundamental human rights that must be uniformly guaranteed for the first time. The seeds of a better India and a better world are therefore sown by the young of today and the leaders of the future.

SJU Quizzers

SJU Quizzers commenced operations for the 2022-23 academic year with a registration meeting on September 22, 2022. With both UG and PG students in attendance along with various Open quizzers from the KQA, the quiz club officially began activities on September 24, 2022, with its fortnightly Pushups and Open House. The Quiz Club had a fabulous response to its Weekly Quizzes conducted every Thursday, with the first round beginning with a ‘Superheroes and Supervillains’ quiz on September 29, 2022.

SJU Quizzers had eight Office Bearers- A Treasurer, A General Secretary, three Vice-conveners and three Conveners, led by Ravi Shankar from II year MSc. The Office bearers prepared posters, managed social media and set for quizzes, while also guiding interested members of the Quiz Club in setting for the Weekly quizzes.

From sports to food, from music to anime, the Quiz Club held eight weekly quizzes over the course of the semester, setting questions on a different theme each week. Certain themes were selected on specific occasions, like when a Harry Potter

themed quiz was held to pay respects to Robbie Coltrane, the actor who played Hagrid. These quizzes elicited great responses, drawing in students from all years and combinations while also driving traffic to the fortnightly Pushups and Open House events.

The Club held about five Pushups and Open House quizzes over the semester, with considerable response to all. SJU students, students from other colleges as well as open quizzers from the KQA all came to St. Joseph’s University every fortnight to take part in these quizzes. To strengthen the online connections to Quiz Club had made during the lockdown when everything was online, ‘Guesstapo’, an online solo quiz was also launched, with questions taking the more cryptic route.

The Quiz Club also held special quizzes, like the ‘Freshers’ Quiz’ for I - year UG and PG students and the ‘20 Questions’ quiz as a part of METONYM, the English department fest. More recently, the Quiz Club also collaborated with Samskruta Tarangini, the Sanskrit Association of SJU in hosting an ‘India Quiz’, driving more traffic to the Quiz Club. The Club has also begun TIEGRAB, its official quizzing festival with 2 quizzes: ‘Bookends- The Book Quiz’ and ‘OTTaku- The OTT Quiz’ as a part of META 2023.

University Associations

Cybernetics

Coding workshop

The Cybernetics Association held a coding workshop on October 10, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Conference Hall of Magis Block. The resource persons were Mr Himmath Hussian, HR of Decision Minds and Mr Abbas from Method Hub Pvt. Ltd. The event was organised by Ms Sandhya Varma, Ms Sara Kutty, Dr Hubert Shanthan, and Dr Prasanthi.

Multiplexer

The Cybernetics Association under

the Computer Science department held its annual orientation programme called Multiplexer on September 15, 2022, at 3:00 pm over Microsoft Teams. This was held for all the students of the Computer Science Courses (BCA, PMC, MEC, CMS) and exclusively for the freshers but students from other courses also attended this event. The event began with an introduction, followed by a talk by two alumni Edmund and Samreen who spoke about their experience in the association. Edmund encouraged the participants to give all kinds of ideas, small or big, to the coordinator to improve the association and its activities. Meanwhile, Samreen encouraged the current students to participate in all the events. There were around 170 students who attended this event. The Core Committee had organised it by dividing all the students into small groups on Teams so that they could enjoy the interactive games. The games encouraged the students to go out of their comfort zones and socialise. Introduce yourself, Guess the Gibberish, Rebus, Super Questions, Enacting Celebrities, and Dumb Charades were some of the games played. The event ended with a positive feedback session.



Economics Forum

Lecture series

The first event of the Department of Economics lecture series in collaboration with the Economics Forum and Oikonomika kick-started with a guest lecture by esteemed Dr R S Deshpande held on September 14, 2022. He enlightened the audience with how the word “economics” could be an acronym defining a set of attributes or values an economics aspirant must hold dear while dealing with the discipline. The second event under the lecture series was a guest lecture on Economics of Fitness delivered by Mr Vipin M K, a fitness trainer, on October 20, 2022. He described fitness as one’s ability to execute daily activities with optimal performance, endurance and strength alongside the management of disease, fatigue and stress and reduce sedentary behaviour. He

various skills such as Microsoft Excel, Python, Algorithms, Econometrics, Statistics, Mathematics, Machine Learning, Power BI, Tableau, and Hadoop.

It was followed by the basics of Microsoft Power BI, an easy tool to learn which can carry out analysis and represent data.

Economic Gazette

The first edition of Economic Gazette for the academic year 2022-23 was published in October 2022 with the theme “Inflation: Exposing the structural inequalities”. The Editor in Chief of Economics Gazette is Ms Lakshmi S Nair and Assistant Editor in Chief is Ms Nistha Shrestha. The edition contained articles related to Hungarian Hyperinflation and high inflation levels in Pakistan.

Department of Food Science and Technology was welcomed. The ceremony then continued with Ms. Sweetha Gunasekaran, vice president of the association, presenting a report of the previous academic year. President of the association, Lamia Parvin, gave a report on the association activities to be held for the academic year 2022–23.

The guest speaker for the day, Ms. Navita Pinto, after being introduced by Dr Mohan Kumar, coordinator of Food Miles spoke on the topic ‘Safe Food Is Divine’. She started the session with some simple yet meaningful questions that emphasized the importance of safe food. She talked in depth about food safety, GMP/PRP, and HACCP while providing valuable information regarding their implementation. She gave an insight on the functions of the FSSAI and its establishment. She also gave insights about the process involved in becoming an auditor and highlighted the various opportunities available for food professionals. The session was informative and provided students with food safety knowledge and its effectiveness, along with an understanding of the impact it has on society. The session was followed by an interactive session with the participants and concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the Secretary of the Association, Adeline Sabrin.



talked about how exercising at the gym and indulging in sessions that include heavyweights aren’t necessary and that exercising indoors is a healthy way of keeping fit. The third event was on Telling a Data Story held on November 16, 2022. It was delivered by the eminent speaker Mr Amlash Karnekar, Director of Academic Programs at Meghnad Desai Institute of Economics, Mumbai. This webinar started with the significance of skills proficiency and covered how a data story can be represented using

Food Miles

Association Inauguration 2022

The Department of Food Science and Technology, St. Joseph’s University, Bengaluru, inaugurated the department’s association ‘Food Miles’ on October 7, 2022. The official ceremony commenced around 2:00 PM, with an introduction on the event given by the MC, Ms Jayashree, followed by an invocation dance performed by Ms Anusha. After this Dr Vanitha NM, PG Coordinator,

Kannada Sangha

Inauguration of Association Activities

Kannada Sangha was inaugurated on September 30, 2022, at St. Xavier Hall. Mr R J Pradeep, a well-known radio jockey, presenter, vlogger, and theatre actor, was the event’s chief guest. The event was graced by Campus Minister Fr Francis D Almeida, Dr Eraiah Hampapura, the Department Head and Kannada Sangha convenor, Dr Hanuantharayapa S.B. The committee members took an oath to faithfully fulfill their responsibilities.

Sanchalana 2022-23

Sanchalana -2023, an inter-class cultural fest was organized by Kannada

Sangha of St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on January 23 and 24. The festival themed 'Bengaluru,' began with various pre-event programmes held in Arrupe Atrium and Magis block. The valedictory programme of the two-day fest was organized in the main auditorium on the evening of January 24. Notable actor Mr Chandu Gowda was the evening's chief guest. The rolling trophy of the year was won by the III HEP. This trophy was awarded on the basis of the number of participation as well as prizes won.

Microbiological Society

Inauguration Ceremony of Microbiological Society and Microcosm

The inaugural ceremony for the UG and PG associations; Microcosm and Microbiological Society was conducted with great success on September 24, 2022, in Xavier Hall present. The event commenced at 1 pm sharp, with the emcee Yogande Panse addressing the gathering and the Chief Guest, Dr Shantanu P Shukla. Dr W Jothy, head of the Department of Microbiology then gave a warm welcome to the audience and the Chief guest. Meghana the president of UG association; Microcosm introduced the office bearers; Meghana P- (President), Vihitha R Rao (Editor), Sanmitha N (Treasurer), Dyuti Adavi (Vice president), Lakshmi P chandana (Co-Editor) and Pavithra G (Co-Treasurer). This was followed by a brief reading of the report of the previous year. Next, Sanmitha N (Treasurer of Microcosm) presented the plan for the year 2021-22.

Lydia gheever, the General secretary of the PG association; Microbiological society introduced the office bearers: G Pratheeth Bhat - (President), Sakshi Rane (Editor), Dhanush A (Treasurer), Yamama Firdous (Vice president), Michelle Liz Cyriac (Co-Editor) and Shanel Barreto (Co-Treasurer), Lydia Gheever (General secretary), Aneesha Sharal Pinto (Joint general secretary), Sumeru S Raju (PR and Media Head). This was followed by a brief reading of the report of the previous year by Sumeru S raju (PR and Media head).

It was finally time for the most awaited event, a talk by the chief guest. Ankur Britto Panna gave the audience a brief introduction about the speaker, after which the mic was handed over to the speaker Dr Shanthanu P Shukla. He delivered a fascinating talk about his study on the microbiome of carrion beetles and their mind-blowing use in forensic entomology; mesmerizing the audience with every word. A question/answer session followed through handing over the mic to the audience, engaging both the speaker and the audience. The Q/A session was handled smoothly by the volunteers and the association members. Dr. Shanthanu P Shukla was pleased with the range of questions and enjoyed answering them to his fullest.

After the Q/A session was concluded, Jhanvi Rakhechad delivered the vote of thanks, thus bringing the colorful ceremony to an end. The inauguration ended at 3 pm, with a total of 100 attendees. The members of both associations, the faculty of the department of microbiology and the volunteers received great cheer for the success of the event.

Research and Scientific Writing Workshop

The Post Graduate Department of Microbiology of the School of Life Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore organized a 'Research and Scientific Writing Workshop' from November 2 to November 5, 2022. A team of researchers from Madras Christian College conducted the workshop via Google Meet. Each of the four days, saw two hour long sessions based on the various facets of research and science communication. The workshop saw enthusiastic participation from the faculty members of the department of microbiology and all the students of M.Sc Microbiology.

Dr R Vijay Solomon conducted the first session, wherein he introduced the audience to research and all the components of research. The second session was delivered by Dr P Hanumantha Rao. Dr Hanumantha gave the audience a very comprehensive outlook of how a literature review should be done. There were a lot of examples cited and

every element of a scientific article was thoroughly discussed. The third session was also conducted by Dr Hanumantha wherein he delved into how research needs to be designed. The last and final session saw Dr. N Nirmal Thyagu introducing us to 'The Art of Scientific Writing'. Dr Nirmal truly spoke of scientific writing in a very poetic sense and gave insight into various ways of making writing more creative. The floor was opened up for questions and answers after every session. Several tips and tricks were shared by all of the speakers. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks to the team from Madras Christian College for organizing an insightful and stimulating workshop.

MICROMOSAIC 2022

'MICROMOSAIC 2022', the annual inter-collegiate fest of the Microbiological Society of St. Joseph's University, Bangalore, was held on November 19, 2022. This year, the fest held special meaning as it is the Silver Jubilee of the Postgraduate Department of Microbiology. The quadrangle of the post-graduate block, decorated by the students, reflected the grandeur and splendor befitting such an auspicious occasion. The event saw participation from various colleges in the city. The fest began at 10:00 a.m at Xavier hall, where participants gathered for an informal inauguration, during which the general rules for the day were explained by Sumeru S Raju, PR and Media Head of the society. The first event, 'Labhunt' (Relay) started immediately in Microbiology Lab 2 and had many participants. Following this, 'JAM' (Just A Minute) was held in Microbiology Lab 1 with numerous enthusiastic participants. The event was judged by Ms. Mamatha S, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology. A photography exhibition was organised outside Xavier Hall with contributions from the students of MSc Microbiology. The photography contest, 'Teeming with life', accepted entries from participants until 1:00 p.m. following which they were judged by Dr Nitin Saxena, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology. The results were announced during the valedictory ceremony. A scrumptious lunch was

arranged for the participants, students and staff at 12:00 pm.

Post lunch, the treasure hunt, 'No Dead Ends' began with zealous participation in the AV room. This was followed by 'Micropourri', an event that combined the fun of Pictionary, Heads up and Taboo all in one, at Xavier Hall. The fest culminated with the valedictory ceremony at Xavier Hall. Dr Beatrice Sequeira, Dean of School of Life Sciences, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology addressed the gathering. The dean shared her experiences and reminisced about the growth of the department. This was followed by the announcement of results for the various events as well as the distribution of trophies and certificates. All participants received e-certificates.

Microcosm 2022 was a successful event, an apt celebration to mark the Silver Jubilee of the Postgraduate Department of Microbiology.

The overall champions of Micromosaic 2022 was Vijaya College, Jayanagar. The Oxford College of Science was the runner-up.

Industrial Visit Report

The PG students of the Department of Microbiology As part of their course completion, visited the Sula Winery and Defence Food Research Laboratory(Mysore) between December 16 to 18, 2022. This was a departmental initiative to equip the students with the research and industrial aspects of their course. These onsite visits aim at Industrial Collaborations and an explorative exposure to the PG students who may after their course completion diversify into academic research or industries for their career advancements.

Visit to Defence Food Research Laboratory, Mysore.

Visit to Sula Winery, Channapatna.

Microcosm

Inauguration Ceremony

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September 24, 2022 in Xavier Hall of PG block. The event commenced at 1:00 pm with the emcee addressing the gathering and introducing the Chief Guest, Dr Shantanu P Shukla. Dr W Jothy, Department Head of Microbiology, then gave a warm welcome to the audience and the Chief guest. The report of the previous year was presented along with the plan for the year 2021-22. Dr Shanthanu P Shukla delivered a fascinating talk about his study on the microbiome of carrion beetles and their mind-blowing use in forensic entomology. A Q&A session followed that garnered a lot of interaction with the audience. After the session was concluded, a vote of thanks was delivered by Jhanvi and brought the colorful ceremony to an end. The inauguration ended at 3:00 pm with a total of 100 attendees. The members of both associations, the faculty of the department of microbiology and the volunteers received great cheer for the success of the event.

Lost City of Maritime

The first event of Microcosm, the undergraduate association of Microbiology 2022-2023 was an intra-collegiate event named The Lost city of Maritime. The event took inspiration from the fascinating and mysterious world of the deep sea and was conducted on October 21 and 22, 2022 in Aloysius Hall. Both online and offline events were conducted so that the students could enjoy the best of both platforms. Whisper Challenge, an offline event, was a huge hit filled with laughter and confusion. Five teams registered for the event and positive feedback was collected from all the participants. A Mafia game based on a social deduction was held where the participants portrayed their skills at hiding their true identity. A Creative Writing event was also conducted.

Festival of Frights

Microcosm conducted an exciting event called the Festival Of Frights that started from October 31 to November 6, 2022. This event was open to students and the faculty members. It consisted of two sub events - the Microbial Masquerade encouraged students to unleash their inner

fashionista with the theme Halloween. Students were expected to adhere to the college dress code. The second event Spooky Artiste focused on the artistic gifts of students by allowing them to freely create any type of art that included digital art, posters and so on. The students were requested to use the google docs to upload their submissions for either of the events and e-certificates were awarded to the winners.

Webinar on Scientific Writing



On November 12, 2022 Microcosm organized a webinar that was open to both UG and PG students of the St. Joseph's University. The webinar started at 6:00 pm via Google Meet. The guest lecturer, Dr Chinta Sidharthan, was a freelance medical writer for News Medical Life Sciences and she also works as a freelance scientific editor. The webinar gave the students an insight into different career options and research. Dr Chinta provided various ways to pursue editing or writing a scientific paper and different career options in her field. The students were presented with examples on how a scientific paper is written and what were the key mistakes that had to be avoided while doing so. The talk was informative and ended with an interactive Q&A session with the attendees. The webinar continued until 7:30 pm with a total of 21 attendees.

NOUS

Film Screening- Area Bois

NOUS, the association for journalism at St. Joseph's University, resumed one of its early activities for the year 2023 with its film screening series 'NOUS Showing' with the screening of Area Bois, a Kannada language short film helmed by Mahishaa, starring Aashith, Sachin Sreenath and Affan

Pasha.

The AV Room was packed as the projector played a tribute to Dr BR Ambedkar that the director had made, featuring snippets of Babasaheb's statues around the city of Bangalore as a mark of respect and inspiration. Attendees included students and professors from the Department of English as well as the guest of honour, well-known Kannada short film director Naveen Tejaswi.

The story followed a young man who was rejected after falling in love. The movie emphasised instances of disparities that split society in half, subtly implying caste with references to "parotta" and "pizza, burger". The comedy genre aimed to depict the discourse between boys about actual sexuality and pleasures in all its rawness.

After the screening, Ms Nikita Thomas chaired a question-and-answer session with the cast which included some behind the scenes information being presented to the public including the inspiration that led to the production of this film. While Pasha performed one of his gully-raps for the audience, the crew fancied answering the intriguing questions posed by students. Sounds of thundering claps and silly 'woos' echoed around the St. Joseph's campus and the lively conversation of film, caste, revolution, and pent-up feelings of boys came to an end with a cup of tea for everyone.

Social Justice Film Festival

The Social Justice Film Festival commenced on January 30, 2022, and was curated with socially relevant messages that were embedded in the films curated by director R.P. Amudhan. Amudhan, who has curated fifteen such festivals, believes the essence of film watching lies in the community it creates and extends when you engage in it with other people. This edition of the Social Justice Film Festival, comprised eleven different films that were screened for two consecutive days, dealing with topics ranging from the treatment of migrant workers and refugees to the experiences of the d/deaf and disabled community. The film screening saw the works of directors like Basav Biradar, Priya Thuvassery, Bani Singh, Akshat Sharma, Mohd.

Fehmeed and Zeeshan Amir Khan which also included interactive sessions post screening with the directors and the audience. In one of the movies, Native Place, filmmaker Andrew Francisco travels to various Indian cities to record the lives of migrant labourers who reside and work there. This sensation of longing is so brilliantly captured in a spectacular montage in the movie where several workers discuss their intentions to return home, to their respective native places. Another film, Ripples Under the Skin blends together mythology, history and the stories of people today to portray the lives of bishti workers. It uses water imagery and sounds to create an almost otherworldly effect during some parts. Shreya Ghosh and her team in We Make Film, go on a journey of exploration and collaboration, talking to filmmakers who belong to the d/deaf and disabled communities. Ghosh especially discovers a new way to relate to and understand her father, who himself belongs to the disabled community. One such film, White Slam, which was shown at the SJFF, takes us to North Madras, the birthplace of numerous carrom champions, and shows us the tale of their hometown and aspirations for sporting success as they navigate daily difficulties and difficulties. Footloose, one of the later movies that concluded the film festival, demonstrates the disparate treatment given to refugees who belong to various faith sects. On one side, Rohingya Muslim camps are attacked and set on fire, while Hindu refugees from Pakistan celebrate and name their newborn children after their newly acquired citizenship. Through strong side-by-side comparisons and storytelling, it demonstrates first-hand the absurdities of the Citizenship Amendment Act.

A memorial for the late filmmaker K P Sasi marked the festival's conclusion. The film on him by R P Amudhan was brilliant in its simplicity and execution. The extended discussion was almost like having Sasi in the hallway with us, and the flute melody he plays at the conclusion is sure to stay with the audience for a very long time, reminding everyone of home.

Nose Cut

At exactly 1:00pm, classroom A314 in the Arrupe Block was packed in the peak hours of lunch, as students awaited the beginning of Nose Cut. An event that's like an amazing marriage of a press conference, imitation and trolling and the closest one can ever get to celebrities up front, Nose Cut is one of the if not the best known event, hosted by NOUS.

Kim Kardashian, Mohan Bhagwat and the likes of Yograj Bhat were in attendance during this hour where Kim Kardashian announced, "My body, my choice" when asked about ocean and plastic pollution. Naina, impersonating the infamous Kim Kardashian, said "I kicked him (Kanye) out for a reason", in an accent so authentic it brought out roars of laughter. After recovering from breaking her character, she slyly gets around the question with, "it's not the text that's important, it's the message." Her sassy accent was then replaced with the Pleas of Unni, who played Mohan Bhagwat to almost perfection.

"When I'm on stage you can throw tomatoes and eggs. But when I'm off stage, ease treat me like Unnikrishnan, not Mohan Bhagwat." After a very monologue about condoms and population control, the RSS supporters are caught off guard by a, "Name three works of Valmiki." from the nasty crowds who know nothing of the pragmatics of RSS. When asked what he thinks about gay marriage and homosexuality, he explains, "See, if man and woman get married, they have children. Children get their land. If you don't have children, who will take land?" Mohan Bhagwat gets off stage with triumphant slogans of RSS and everyone applauds with confusion and amusement somehow reflecting the very picture painted in the larger canvas.

A not so cool Yash, impersonates Captain Cool, M S Dhoni as everyone cheers him on. After many short and puzzling answers, Dhoni finally hits everyone with, "We won against RCB", when questioned about the disappointing performance of CSK, therefore successfully dodging the

question but failing to keep his cool. He gets off the podium after garnering a mix of agreement and sneers from sad RCB fans.

While time runs at an even faster speed, music swells in from the corner of the class, and a very meditative Tom walks to the podium as he holds his phone up so everyone can hear his entry music. Swami Nithyananda, impersonated by Tom, sits on the table as everyone welcomes him with laughter and applause. He denies any association with RSS, as Mohan Bhagwat accused him of getting paid by them. After making confusing statements about being a “Swami who is projecting into this room with the body of this Tommy”, his “full organic leaves” and an abbreviation of EMC, he gets off stage after keeping everyone entertained.

A very underappreciated Yogaraj Bhat was asked to refrain from using Kannada, as most of the audience tries deciphering what he’s saying. Looking disappointed at the request, he advises young filmmakers on how he delivers a successful movie every time. “If you want a hit film, cast Ganesh.” and he soon slips into a, “Mungaru male” tune, as most of the classroom stays confused. Our dear Yograj Bhat soon ends his interview with a sad statement, “Aaj none of you guys watch kannada movies. What a disappointment.”; and walks out.

The workshop concluded with Ms Drishti talking about NOUS, and the upcoming events. While NOUS presented this Nose Cut as a trailer to the bigger event, it surely garnered a positive response from all the tired students who went back to class with a little more energy than what they had come with as the bell rings.

Oikonomika

Oikonomika hosted a guest lecture on November 21, 2022. Ms Deepti Goel from Azim Premji University—the resource person, briefly spoke about her paper on, “Teacher Quality in Delhi’s Higher Secondary Public Schools” which focuses on Applied Econometrics, Education and Public Policy. The conclusive corroborations

that followed consisted of two factors—experience and qualification, where familiarity with the profession backed by skill ensured a higher degree of quality in teaching, however qualification does not factor in, thereby questioning its very existence and demand in the job market.

This academic year Oikonomika also started a new initiative namely “Eco Bulletin” where members present short write-ups on current affairs related to the discipline.

PARISHODHANA

Parishodhana, an association of the Department of History, is one of St. Joseph’s University’s Humanities forums. With the election of its officers, the Association commenced its activities for the academic year 2022-2023.

The office bearers were unanimously selected to the following posts:

President – Divya R Reddy III B.A. HEP

Secretary - Nihal Musthaq P M III B.A. HEP

Technical team – Neha Sharma & Neha S C III B.A. HEP

Core Committee – Vaishnavi P M & Puujita M K II B.A. HEP

Study Trip/Exhibition

On August 10, 2022, Parishodhana began its operations for the academic year by organizing a study trip to Vidhana Soudha in conjunction with an exhibition held by the Karnataka State Archives Department on the subject ;Historical Records and Photography. The Exhibition provided unique insights into the governance of the Princely State of Mysore at the time. As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, the Banquet Hall of the Vidhana Soudha displayed rare images and historical documents. Ms Jane DSouza, Head of the History Department, joined 18 students from Second and Third year B.A. students to attend the exhibition. They were given a tour of the various departments within

Vidhana Soudha. This legislative building’s architecture was captivating.

PG Chemical Society

ALCHEMY 2022

Alchemy 2022, the most awaited intercollegiate fest by department of Chemistry and sponsored by Jagdale Industries Pvt. Ltd. was successfully hosted on June 4, 2022. The programme was organized by Dr Joyce (PG coordinator) and Ms Christine (programme coordinator). The event saw participation from about 12 colleges with over 60 participants. The fest had a series of events/games organized with the aim to bring out the ‘Fun side of chemistry’. All the events were a huge success, with participants enjoying and striving to put their best foot forward. The competitive spirit was rewarded with prizes and the overall winners were students from K L E Nijalingappa College. The flash mob on May 27, 2022 in PG Quadrangle and in Magis canteen was definitely an attraction. The inauguration was at 9:00 am in the Xavier hall in PG block. The inaugural was started with the lighting of the lamp. The events started at 10:00 am at various venues. Alchemy 2022 has definitely set its own trend with all the efforts, creative and innovative ideas, and the hard work of the entire chemistry department and the students of MSc chemistry. Chem marketing event was coordinated by Anjana and Aneetta and the judges were Dr Suhas and Dr Nalini. There were a total of 8 teams out of which 2 of them were in house. The first prize winners were Vanitha N and Shichika D Biligere (KLE Nijalingappa College), second prize winners were Varsha S Jain, Sara, Roshan from Garden City University and the third prize winners were Nobel Wilson and Nirmal Peter from St. Joseph’s College. Debate was coordinated by Theresa, Kavya, Supriya and Anna and judged by Dr Vinutha and Dr Valeen. The topic of the debate was ‘small things sometimes mean a whole lot - is it the same in case of nano-chemistry?’ 1st prize: Suchika and Vanitha (KLE

Society Nijalingappa College), 2nd prize: Shubham and Shivani (St. Joseph's College) and the Best speaker was Shubham Mishra (St. Joseph's College).

The Bedazzled Exhibitioner was coordinated by Eshwar and Vinay Tellis and judged by Dr Debashis Ghosh and Dr Anchal Singhal. This was an experiment-based event. 1st prize: Shrikari Sharvav, M E S College of Commerce Arts and Science. Potpourri event was coordinated by Gagana and Tejaswini K V. The event had three rounds namely Pictionary, Dumb Charades and Mindly Shenanigans. The runners and the winners of the competition are - 1st prize: Swapna Annapurna and Umme Roman (Ramaiah Institute of Technology); 2nd prize: Moin Pasha, Mohammed Muzammil, Syeda Nazreen Zahara (Al-Ameen College). The Housie event was organized by Theresa, Anna, Supriya, Kavya. The runners up and the winners for this event are: 1st prize: Tassadduque Hussain and Malla Reddy (Al-Ameen Science College), 2nd prize: Vibha R.S and Vishal S (M.E.S College). Chem Sudoku was organized by Ancy and Nandhini and judged by Dr Sunita Rajamani and Dr Rita Pal. The event was fun with a mixture of both Chemistry and Sudoku. 1st prize: Shrikari Sharvani (M .E. S College), 2nd prize: Alan Joshy (St. Joseph's College). Chem You See event was hosted by Gayathri, Daise, Tejaswini. Volunteers were Vasudev, Madhuri, Srinivas, Nobel, Telbin, Nivedhitha, and Sandhya. The event was an escape room filled with scary elements and a number of clues to solve various puzzles, including crosswords and small experiments which when solved leads to the hidden clues. Participants were required to find the clues and get the keys for the three mystery boxes which would set them free from the escape room. Curious minds swarmed the place and enjoyed it to the maximum. 1st prize: Kudhsiya Tejaswini, Keerti (Surana College). Lecture contest hosted by Keziah, Nirmal, Maria, Judges: Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas and Dr Prasad from Anthem Bioscience. 1st prize: Nikhil

Vamshi (KLE), 2nd prize: Jayanth G (M.E.S College). Event Snake and Ladder quiz was hosted by Soumya, Amritha, and volunteers were Jaman, Saurab, Hemanth. An event that resembled life itself by combining the power of knowledge with the charm of luck, it made the participants hold their breaths and wish upon their lucky stars, until the very end. 1st prize: Nikhil Vamshi and Darshan KV (KLE College), 2nd prize: Rithu Kumar and Kannayan (St. Joseph's College).

Freshers' Report

The PG Chemical Society, with the assistance of II MSc Chemistry (Analytical and Organic), organized Freshers' Day on October 21, 2022, to welcome the I MSc Chemistry students to the Master's Programme, to the department and the university. The purpose of this event was to familiarize students with the operation of the department of Chemistry, to introduce them to the names and faces of the professors, and to bridge the gap between seniors and juniors. The ceremony began at 3 pm in Xavier hall.

The hall was separated into two sections: protons and electrons. All attendees, including professors, were instructed to pick up a chit at the entrance and were assigned to either side of the hall based on their chosen choices. The chairs were placed such that students from protons faced students from electrons and vice versa. Due to the plot twist, everyone was requested to turn their chairs towards the stage when the event began. It was to help everyone, especially first year students, to get out of their comfort zone and sit next to new people, developing new friends and connections, rather than sitting next to someone they are familiar with. After everyone had settled in, the audience was welcomed, introduced, and instructed about the program's schedule. It began with a prayer, after which first-year students were requested to rise and swear an oath. It created a joyful and relaxed mood for the occasion.

The Dean, the HOD, and the PG

Coordinator then addressed the gathering, introducing the first-year students to the department of Chemistry and the School of Sciences. They emphasized the importance of having fun while learning and creating many memories and experiences. The second-year students organized four games as an ice-breaker for the first-year participants. The first game, 'Presentation posture', hosted by Ramya R, was one of the games. In this game, one team member had to describe a pose projected on the screen through verbal communication to the other member. While the other facing away from that screen would mimic the pose directed by the other. Another entertaining game, hosted by Hemanth Kumar D, was a quiz with no specific genre as a topic. The third game, hosted by Sanket Pathak, was named 'Guessmoji', which involved guessing the iconic companies from emojis displayed on the screen. Even the teachers took part in this game. This game kept everyone on their toes. 'Bombing the City' was the fourth game. The game had standard rules, and an additional spin was that the residents in the bombed city had to dance to songs chosen by the hosts, Keziah Shoji and Maria Rose. Mr and Ms Fresher were announced based on how actively the individuals participated during the evening. Mr. Fresher was Naga Harsha HR from I MSc Organic Chemistry and Ms Fresher was Ms Sanjana Maria Pais from I MSc Organic Chemistry, respectively. Ultimately the day concluded with juniors and seniors being more approachable to one another.

Chem Trivia

A quiz event was organized on November 18, 2022, at 3:30pm in PG 203 by PG Chemical Society. The event

was 'Chem Trivia' and was hosted in the presence of PG Coordinator Dr Joyce D'Souza and Dr Nalini Sundaram, School of Chemical Sciences. It was an open quiz event for the students of MSc Chemistry. The quiz masters for the event were Vinay Tellis (II MSc) and Hemanth Kumar



D (II MSc Organic). The time keeper and the score keeper for the event was Shah Roshni (II MSc). There were a total of five teams (comprising three participants in each team). The questions were mostly general everyday chemistry which touched upon some of the topics of the MSc chemistry course. The event ended by 4:15pm. And the winners of the event were Aathira Suresh, Ramya G, and Suprith Rajagopal. All the participants had made lots of memories and learned something new which they will cherish.

UG Chemical Society

Inauguration

The UG Chemical Society (UGCS) was inaugurated for the academic year 2022-23 on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at De Nobili Hall. The honorary speaker was Dr Kiran R Bettadapur, Senior Research Investigator, Syngene Intl Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru. The theme of the talk was 'The role of Chemists in Drug Discovery'. The talk was attended by the UG students along with the staff. The new office bearers of UGCS were elected on the same day. The staff co-ordinators are Dr Valeen Rashmi Pereira, Dr Rita Pal, and Mr Tobin Varkey Simson.

CHEMIX'22

Have you ever struggled to remember some chemistry concept or the periodic table so you got creative and made a poem or song to help remember, which otherwise you were sure to forget? CHEMIX'22 was an online singing event which combined two of the most abstract things- music and chemistry. This competition was open to all SJU students. Participants had to change the lyrics of a pre-existing song with chemical elements/reactions and sing the song in the original melody. The participants uploaded their recorded video on google drive and shared the link with us. The event was much appreciated by the student fraternity. The event

coordinators were Ankur Britto Panna (21MCB21) and Subham Mazumdar (222CHBT07)

Toss like a Boss

On November 4, 2022, during the lunch hour at the Aruppe block quadrangle, UGCS conducted its first offline event 'Toss like a boss'. The participants tried their luck by throwing a mint into a coke bottle. Through this event the team could help the crowd to identify and appreciate the chemistry of little everyday things. 71 students participated in the event and made

it memorable. The event heads were Kinjal Jain (21CBZ01) and Grace Mukhia (222PCH13).

Guesstures

'Bole Toh Bole Kya???' was the theme of the event Guesstures conducted on November 25, 2022, at the UG quadrangle under the Banyan tree. A team of 2 could participate in the event. The first player got a guess word and taboo words, and with the words, verbs, synonyms and antonyms of the first player, the second player had to guess the correct word. The cards were a mix of general things and common chemistry-related words. A crowd of 28 participants made Guesstures very successful. The event heads were Kinjal Jain (21CBZ01) and Swathi S (21MCZ18).

Peer Learning Classes

The Peer Learning Classes is one of the prominent hallmarks of Undergraduate Chemical Society (UGCS). A new edition of it for the odd semesters of 2022-23 academic year started with lots of excitement on October 30, 2022. The peer learning heads are: Tasniya Nishath, Mohammed Abdul Kareem, Samridhi Dubey, and L Ricky.



Technophite

The Technophite association organized a seminar on "Meta verse and guidance for resume creation" on October 18, 2022. The organizers were Dr Bojamma and Dr BG Prasanthi. Resource person for the seminar was Mr Christopher Marshall.

Announcements

COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

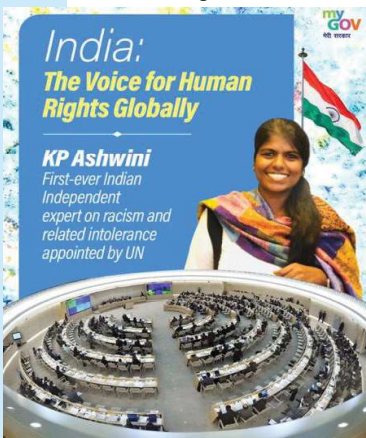
Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, Vice Chancellor, St. Joseph's University, received Dr Radhakrishnan Teaching Excellence Award by Falcon Foundation

Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, Vice Chancellor, St. Joseph's University, was part of a panel on 'Creating Universities of the Future through Partnership Working' at Karnataka Education Innovation Conference



A delegation from the Islamic Republic of Iran, headed by the president of the Centre for Progress and Development of Iran, Government of Iran, visited our university in collaboration with International University of Chababhar on September 7, 2022.

Congratulations to Ms Ashwini KP, former Assistant Professor, who became the first Indian to be appointed as an independent expert on racism and related intolerance by United Nations Human Rights Commission



Congratulations to Ms Shashikala D from the department of Computer Science for successfully defending her PhD thesis titled "Enhanced Tamil Character Recognition System using Confusion Matrix and Chessboard Distance Measure". She completed her research under the guidance of Dr MP Indra Gandhi from Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal.

Congratulations to Syed Abu Jaffer (BCom) who has been placed with DE Shaw with a CTC of 21 lakhs.

A team from Loyola College, Chennai, visited SJU in view of upgrading the former to a university.



Eurofins India signed an MoU with St. Joseph's University to create a state of the art analytical Chemistry lab.

The biggest college announcement is that it is no longer SJC, but SJU

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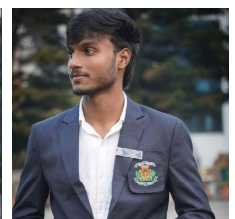
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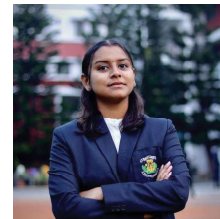
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PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Ms Rajalakshmi and Mr Vinay P from the department of English who tied the knot on December 11, 2022.



Congratulations to Mr Jerrin Chandan and Ms Vinutha S from the department of English who tied the knot on December 28, 2022.



Congratulations to Ms Jissna Mathew and Mr Vimal Jose from the department of Psychology who tied the knot on January 4, 2023.



Obituary

Mr Ozmond, husband of Ms Renee D'Souza (retired, department of Mathematics), passed away on August 15, 2022.

Ms Prema Samuel (76), maternal aunt of Mr Kiran Jeevan (PRO and Placement Officer), passed away on August 21, 2022.

Ms Lily D'Souza, mother of Fr Simon Paul (Assistant Professor, department of Social Work) passed away on September 10, 2022.

Mr MG Abraham (72), maternal uncle of Dr Issac CB (Campus Doctor), passed away on September 13, 2022.

Mr Saravana Dhanapal (alumni, MSW) passed away on September 22, 2022.

Ms Rahellamma (113), grandmother of Ms Sheril KT (IT Cell) passed away on September 29, 2022.

Mr Diogo Rodrigues, a former BSW student, passed away on October 10, 2022.

Ms Philomina (89), mother-in-law of Mr Philip (Attender) passed away on October 18, 2022.


Mr Siddegowda (75), paternal uncle of Dr Paramesha M (Assistant Professor, department of Botany), passed away on October 22, 2022.

Mr MT Bheemaiah (83), paternal uncle of Dr Madappa MB (Assistant Professor, department of Biotechnology), passed away on October 31, 2022.

Dr Putul Banerjee (35), Assistant Professor, department of Zoology, passed away on November 1, 2022

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R.I.P.



Dr. Putul Banerjee (35), (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology), who was on medical leave passed away on 01 November, 2022 due to ill health. The funeral was held on Wednesday, 02 November, 2022 at Ranchi, Jharkhand. May the soul of Dr. Putul Banerjee rest in peace. Let us pray for the bereaved members of the family.

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Mr Prajanya Thapa (20JIP039), III JIP, passed away on December 30, 2022.

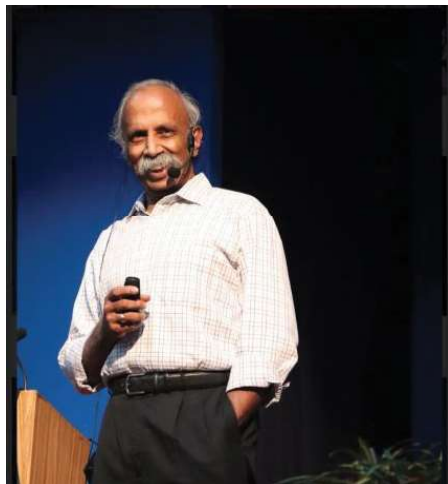


Mr MA Jaffar (82), father of Dr Fathima Farzana (Assistant Professor, department of Commerce), passed away on November 9, 2022.

Gallery



Dr Lakshmanan Chittur Chandrashekharan at Lexio Brevis



Our campus witnessed a record-breaking blood donation camp in association with Global Blood Heroes



PG inauguration ceremony



Our students at #justiceforBilkisBano protest at Freedom Park



DE Shaw on-campus drive in session



Student Council voting in progress



Glimpses from student orientation



Start-Up Mela Team



The newly-sworn in SJU Student Council after their



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The Social Work Inclusion Festival that saw a participation of more



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