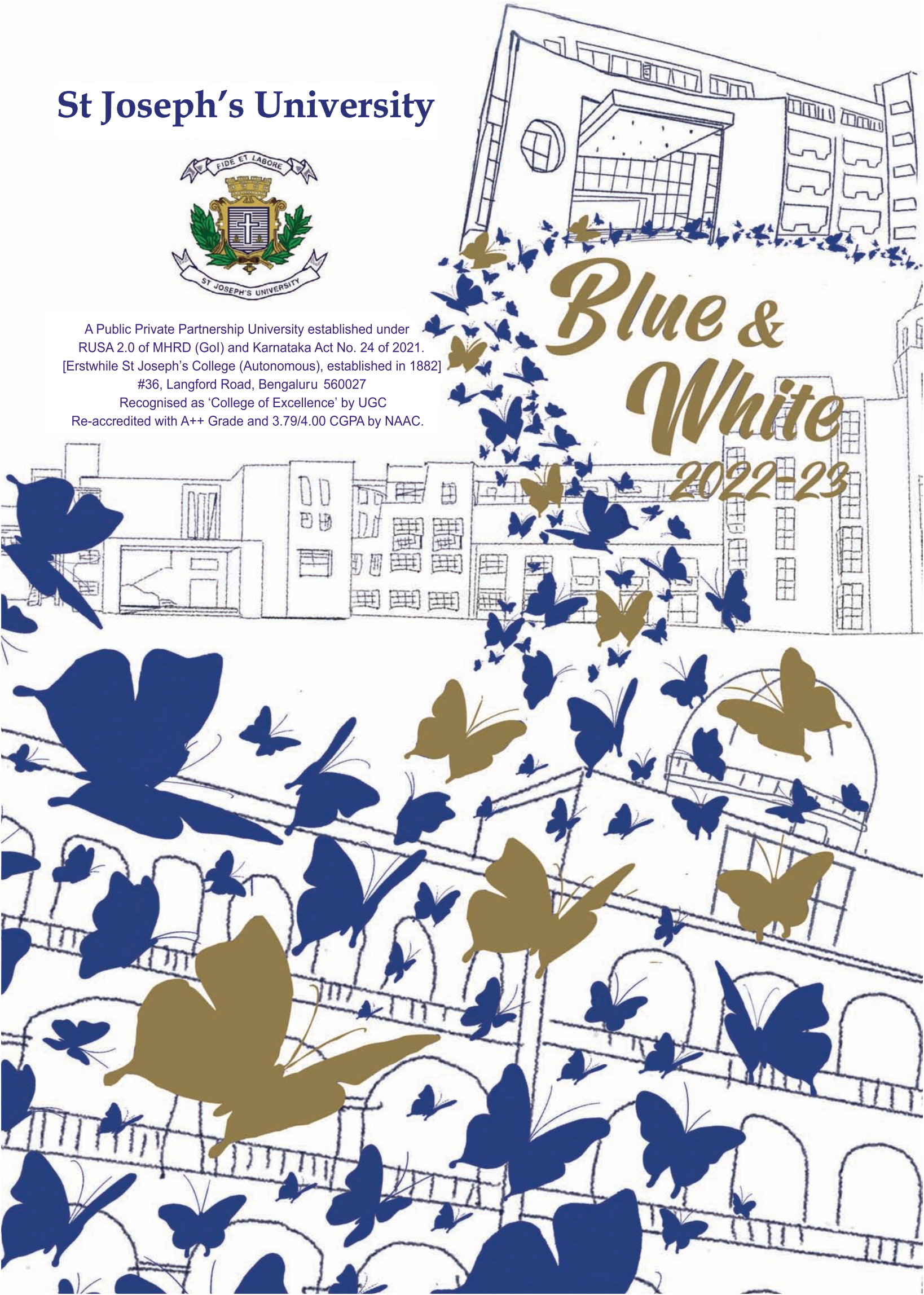


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## PRO - CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

When we look around and see the intensity and the enormity of violence, intolerance, terrorism, religious fundamentalism, and so on, we ask the question, “Why are they doing so even though they have gone through good and sound education in prestigious institutions?” The answer to this question is the lack of integral education which teaches the values of life, respect for each other, and religion. Based on the fact that “values are caught and taught”, parents, teachers, peers, family, and society should influence the behaviour of young people for the formation of a harmonious and peaceful society. Their minds have to be regulated and courage must be instilled to choose what is right in every aspect of their lives. This is the responsibility of every sensible person in society so that all may live a civilised life, respecting each other as fellow human beings.

*Education does not happen in a vacuum, but in an environment which is conducive for students to imbibe the values of life and to cope with it.*

St Joseph's University is precisely trying to impart such a quality education to the youth of today by helping them to do their best in any field that they take up, urging them to go far and building in them a character that cares for others. The exercise of academic freedom by teachers in



an autonomous university system is a crucial requirement for the development of the intellectual climate of the institution and of our country. Through this climate of freedom, we can achieve excellence in higher education. With students, teachers, and the management being partners in raising the quality of higher education, it is imperative that we share a major responsibility in making this system credible and working.

We have complete academic autonomy from this year. What differentiates an excellent educational institution from a mediocre one is the process of education it employs in training young minds. This process would include not only classroom teaching and extracurricular activities but also the ethos and climate of the campus. Education does not happen in a vacuum, but in an environment which is

conducive for students to imbibe the values of life and to cope with it. This is exactly what we try to cultivate in our students in this new university yet a very old institution – an environment for the total growth of an individual. The creation of such a climate is a continuous and challenging process and we constantly strive for its creation.

To all the outgoing students, you have lived here for a few years! You blossomed into men and women of excellence and made this great institution greater again. Do come back to sip again that air of freedom with nostalgia and love. We will be there to receive you, no matter what station in life you hold, rejoicing with you and comforting you. Good luck! Be great and be persons for others.

**Fr Swebert D' Silva, SJ**

Rector & Pro - Chancellor  
St Joseph's University



# VICE - CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



Transition is God's way of promotion. We praise God for making it possible.

To have finally emerged a university, in the land of universities and centres of learning that have attracted scholars from different parts of the world, is indeed nothing short of a conquest. I still vividly remember waking up every morning hoping, "Today will be the day" and checking emails and notices to see if the notification had arrived, my excitement peaking with each passing day. On July 2, 2022, I visited the Department of University Education, Government of Karnataka along with Dr Regina Mathias and Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ. At 11:00 am, when we received the Government notification declaring St Joseph's College a University, our joy and gratitude were boundless. I pictured the faces of our forefathers smiling upon us from heaven. From St Joseph's College in 1882 to St Joseph's College (Autonomous) in 2005 and finally to St Joseph's University in 2022, God has been so faithful to us throughout our journey. A new name with new ideas, renewed commitment and

renewed spirit but spearheaded by the same time-tested value system. We are St Joseph's University, the first of its kind: a Public-Private-Partnership University in India, upgraded by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India under Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), the third Jesuit University in the country and the first one in South India.

*We need inclusive innovations that are transformative and affordable solutions that can save millions of lives.*

We delight in the beauty of the butterfly but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty. Indeed, what a journey it has been, through the struggles, the triumphs, the learnings and the memories! I am grateful to our rich roster of Josephite veterans, staff, alumni/ae and students who were committed to the dream and not the comfort zone. God plants dreams in our hearts to fulfil His purpose on earth. The mission of our forefathers

that SJU continues to advocate is to strive to bring a smile to the deprived, the disadvantaged, and the depressed around us; to be compassionate, courageous, and committed to making every sacrifice required to bring about a radical improvement in the lot of the last, the least and the lost. In the words of John F. Kennedy, "A society that cannot help many who are poor, cannot save the few who are rich", we understand that our betterment lies in the betterment of the entire society. As a university, we now aim not just to disseminate knowledge but to create knowledge. Our nation needs growth, but more importantly, it needs inclusive growth, leaving no section, community, or individual behind. This means education for all and research and innovation that create products and services which are affordable and accessible to all. Science must solve, technology must transform, and innovation must impact. We need inclusive innovations that are transformative and affordable solutions that can save millions of lives. With our eyes set on this next goal, we set out to make St Joseph's University the heart of education, innovation and solution.

Let us not rest on our laurels, but instead with the spirit of MAGIS strive to continuously elevate our University to new heights through unwavering commitment and innovation. May God bless St Joseph's University.

**Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ**  
Vice - Chancellor  
St Joseph's University

# EDITORIAL



In writing, transition words are used to increase the coherence of a text—they allow words and ideas to flow into another without disrupting the reader’s experience. They hold the reader in a space of movement, always accompanying them until they reach the doorstep of another word, another idea.

This movement towards something different is an ongoing process, one we all engage with. This edition of our magazine carries the theme of transition, aptly recognising the process of change we have embraced. In the past year, we, as a higher education institution, have taken a step towards strengthening our core objectives of Academic Excellence, Character Formation, and Social Concern. The college received its University status on July 2, 2022 and was inaugurated as a Public-Private-Partnership University. The transition from a college to a university is an enormous achievement for any institution. We move from a primarily teaching-focused institution to one that focuses on teaching and research. With renewed vigour, St Joseph’s University has taken in stride the challenges that come with expanding to a university, encouraging its students to grow alongside the institution.

An integral part of growing, of being part of the transition process, is the strength and structure of being part of a community. As we move further, we do so as a community of students, teachers, and other stakeholders—as learners willing to unlearn and relearn. We walk the path of Magis, of doing more for those around us, of collaborating and finding new ways to make the society well equipped to deal with the challenges of the age.

***Transition, then, is a moment of joy. The anticipation of doing and being better grips us as we await the new academic year.***

Team Blue & White 2022-2023 is happy to present the first issue of Blue & White of St Joseph’s University. We wish all our readers a fulfilling academic year 2023-2024. Let’s explore together the opportunities that Transition offers us.

**Editorial Team**  
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# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23



At St Joseph's University, in keeping with the nearly 150 year old legacy of Jesuit pedagogy, we have been keeping our focus on challenging students to integrate the intellectual, spiritual and social dimensions of their lives. Thanks to Almighty God, in this academic year too, we were able to re-dedicate ourselves to the foundational touchstone of our institution – holistic, transformative, enabling education – based on our motto, "Faith and Toil." And truly, we have been rewarded for following our goals consistently, as this year St Joseph's College became St Joseph's University.

Given below is the Annual Report for 2022-23.

## **Inauguration of SJU**

The unprecedented highlight of the year gone by was undoubtedly our transition from St Joseph's College to St

Joseph's University. In February 2021, St Joseph's University Bill was presented in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly and was subsequently passed by the Legislative Assembly and Karnataka Legislative Council. The college received its University status on July 2, 2022, and was inaugurated as India's first Public-Private-Partnership University by the Honourable President of India, Ms Droupadi Murmu on September 27, 2022. The Hon'ble President unveiled a plaque to mark the historic milestone of the inauguration. Most Rev Dr Peter Machado, the Archbishop of Bengaluru, offered his prayers and invoked the blessings of Christ over SJU. The occasion was also graced by the presence of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Mr Thaawarchand Gehlot, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr Basavaraj Bommai, Hon'ble

Minister for Higher Education, Dr C N Ashwathnarayan, and other eminent guests. The institution was hailed by the dignitaries not just for being a part of the growth of Bengaluru but also that of the whole of Karnataka and for giving excellent students to society who have excelled in all fields.

## **Alumni & Hostel Celebrations**

This year saw the glorious Centenary Celebrations of the SJU Alumni Association on February 5, 2023. During the event, a special postal cover was released commemorating the centennial celebration of the St Joseph's Alumni/ae Association, the oldest alumni association in the state. This year also saw the 75th Platinum Jubilee celebrations of the Hostel Block and illustrious alumni/ae were in attendance on January 26, 2023 to mark the occasion.



### **College Day & Graduation Day**

The last academic session came to a close with the 139th College Day being celebrated on July 13, 2022, and the Graduation Day being conducted on July 14, 2022 at the University Grounds.

### **Institution Day**

It is customary for the members of the Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society (BJES) to come together for Institution Day and interact with one another, strengthen our bonds of collaboration and honour the veterans who have rendered their valuable service to our institutions. This year the Institution Day was held on February 25, 2023 at St Joseph's College of Law, Bangalore. Dr Thimappa Hegde was the special invitee and delivered the Keynote Address.

### **BJES Sports Day**

SJU played host to this year's Bangalore Jesuit Educational

Society (BJES) 'Staff Sports Meet - Arrupe Cup 2023' on February 4, 2023 in the University Grounds. The Chief Guest was Indian Olympian and Josephite Mr Hakimuddin Shabbir Habibulla. The theme this time was 'Alentar Magis' (the spirit to do more). The event was very well-organised and highly appreciated by members of the BJES family.

### **Admissions, New Courses, Student Orientation**

The 2022-2023 academic year began with the first Student Orientation programme held on August 23 and 24, 2022. A total of 3071 students were admitted for UG courses and 848 for PG courses in the university. This year, the university has over 7000 students and 458 staff. Around 43 faculty members joined our Josephite family and we warmly welcome them. The University proudly offers 42 UG courses, 22 PG courses, 22 PhD

programmes, and 6 Diploma Courses. This year, 51 different certificate courses were offered, which included diversified areas such as cinema, music, dance, martial arts, culinary science, computer science, psychology, and many more. More than 1300 SJU students and 250 external participants have enrolled for these courses this year.

### **Infrastructure Update**

In the academic year 2022-23, SJU has completed works on campus amounting to upwards of Rs 3 crore. This includes Rs 93 lakhs on buying new computer systems and setting up new labs, 9 lakhs for the observatory in PG block, and 13 lakhs on library storage improvement alone. Further, nearly 94 lakhs has been spent on renovation works for departments and labs on campus.

### **Library**

SJU Library is the brains of the campus and caters to the needs of



more than 9000 undergraduate, postgraduate, and research-level staff and students. With a mission to provide quality resources and innovative services to stimulate creativity, intellectual curiosity, and facilitate learning and research, the Central Library launched an e-library using Knimbus – a remote authentication system software – on August 4, 2022. On the same day, the Arrupe Library and Research Centre conducted two FDTPs in collaboration with SJRI.

### Scholarships

A total of Rs 16,20,130 was received from private, government, and other benefactors this year. The management has lent support in the form of management scholarships amounting to Rs 1,86,67,000 in 2022-23.

### Grants Received

Over this year, we have generated a grant amount of Rs 8,44,280 as seed money grant, and Rs 10,00,000 as VGST grant.

### Global Initiatives

The Global Engagement Advisory Committee of St Joseph's University had a series of meetings with a delegation from Seattle University that visited SJU in 2022. This fruitful meeting resulted in various expressions of interest in offering joint courses and conducting short-term courses in exchange mode. Two students from SJU got a chance to do their upcoming semester in overseas Jesuit Universities – Sophia University, Japan, and Loyola University, New Orleans, USA.

### Examination Section

All students who were in need of results and certificates for further

studies were provided the same out-of-turn. Out of the 6333 students who appeared in UG courses and 1093 in PG courses, 4724 students in UG and 996 in PG cleared the April 2022 end-semester examinations. The end-semester examination for the odd semester in October registered a total of 5730 students out of which 3883 cleared, registering an average pass percentage of 73. The University conducted centralised Board of Studies meetings for all departments. This exercise helps departments to focus on relevance and quality in their syllabi. The entire work related to the Examination division has been fully computerised. From this academic year, digital evaluation has been introduced and all preliminary works have been completed by the CoE.





## **St Joseph's Research Institute (SJRI)**

The primary objective of SJRI is to enable and facilitate research at SJU as well as to set benchmarks and standards for the same. The hallmark of a University is the generation of knowledge through research in diverse domains carried out by its faculty and students. Through their engagements, facilitated by SJRI, we wish to create a scholarly community that spans the widest range of academic domains, making a positive difference in the world. Members of SJRI conducted field visits to 12 eminent institutions to promote Research and Collaboration. SJRI conducted many FDTPs, Lecture Series, and Workshops throughout the year for faculty, research scholars and students. St Joseph's University signed an official MoU with Eurofins on November 15, 2022. Eurofins is a French Group of laboratories headquartered in Luxembourg, providing testing and support services to pharmaceutical, food,

environmental, agriscience, and consumer products industries, and to governments. The MoU has been signed for the usage of instruments worth Rs 2 crore, which will be installed in the lab for research at St Joseph's University. The Laboratory was inaugurated on March 29, 2023.

St Joseph's University inaugurated its PhD programme on February 10, 2023. Dr B Thimme Gowda, Vice Chairman, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, and Dr Madheswaran, Head, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, were the chief guests. PhD is offered in over 20 subjects. The first batch of scholars in Botany, Chemistry, Physics, and English started their studies from February 11, 2023.

### **Certificate Courses**

The University offers a wide variety of courses for skill development under the flagship of Credit Courses. These courses are aimed at providing skill and knowledge outside of the academic syllabi and provide

practical and field-based experiences to students. These courses have been part of SJU tradition for over a decade and are now incorporated into the NEP system. Every department of the University offers a unique Credit Course that meets practical employability demands. This year, 51 different courses were offered, which included diversified areas such as cinema, music, dance, martial arts, culinary science, computer science, psychology and many more, to manifest the students' interests into career opportunities. More than 1300 SJU students and more than 250 external participants have enrolled for these courses this year.

### **Faculty Development Programme**

The first day of the academic year in August 2022 was Lexio Brevis which was organised by Faculty Development Programme Team. On October 10, 2022, the Faculty Development Programme Team along with the School of Humanities and School of Languages and Literatures organised a session for mentors. The programme was called 'Mentorship at SJU:





A Transformative Practice'. The Faculty Development Programme Committee, under the guidance of Mr Clement D'Souza, conducted an induction programme for the new faculty members. The main focus of this programme was Jesuit Ethos, teaching, learning and classroom management. JESCOL-1 was conducted by the Faculty Development Programme Team from December 8 to 10, 2022 to help newly joined staff members to understand how Jesuits function and how their ideologies, principles, and commitment lead to a better and evolved society.

### **IQAC**

Dr Madappa MB from the Department of Biotechnology was appointed as the first director of the IQAC office for St Joseph's University. Dr Syed Wajeed handed over the charge after 8 years of successful service as the coordinator. Dr Fr Richard Rego SJ, Dr Christo, Mr Kiran Jeevan, and Dr Madappa MB attended a meeting with Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

(IUPUI) from September 12 to 16, 2022. Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, Dr Madappa MB, and Mr Kiran Jeevan attended the Uni-Italia India educational conclave organised by the Consulate General of Italy. The team met with Italy's new Consul General in Bengaluru, Alfonso Tagliaferri. After the interaction, Mr Maurizio Tira and Dr Monica Bofardini from University of Brescia, Italy, visited the campus on Dec 9, 2022. Delegates from Loyola College, Chennai, Loyola Academy, Secunderabad, and Maris Stella College, Vijayawada, visited SJU to study the best practices and organisational functioning of the university. The office completed the process of applying for the following rankings: NIRF2023, The Week ranking, and India Today magazine.

### **AICPA and ACCA**

Miles Education, in association with the Department of Management, School of Business at St Joseph's University

conducted an exam for the Certification in Strategic Finance from Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (AICPA) for final year CMA students of the 2020-2023 batch. AICPA Strategic Finance Programme is a subset of the US CMA Programme and covers key topics from the CMA Curriculum. Of the 52 students who attended, 37 have cleared, bringing the pass percentage to 71.1 per cent.

ACCA, the global body for professional accountants, conducts examinations four times every year during the months of March, June, September, and December. Eight students from the university have been accredited as ACCA affiliates after attempting these intensive papers. The School of Business is proud to have Janvi Dodeja (20IFA009) who has secured Global rank 3 and India rank 1 in Financial Management during the September 2022 attempt of ACCA examination.





### **Mentorship**

The Chancellor has directed the university's administration to train the faculty on basic counselling skills and effective mentoring so that mentors acquire the required skills to guide the mentees. It is the Jesuit perspective that every student passing through the doorways of our institution should obtain good mentorship and care. The university has developed a mentoring record for the first time to execute this approach more effectively and efficiently. This aids in documenting all mentoring activities.

### **Student Council**

The Student Council Election was held on October 11, 2022, at St Joseph's University. A total of 41 students stood for election, for five different posts, namely President, Vice President, General Secretary I, General Secretary II, Treasurer, and Joint Secretary and the Investiture Ceremony for the Student Council was held on October 31. The Chief Guest was Dr Rajeev Gowda, ex-Rajya Sabha MP and National Spokesperson for the Indian National Congress. The Vice-Chancellor and Student

Council Governor, Mr Taral Shah, administered the oath.

St Joseph's University Student Council hosted the first ever Youth Week which was conducted on January 16, 2023.

The University successfully celebrated the amalgam of energy and diversity through Prathibha 2023: Intra-university fest from January 30 to February 28, 2023.

SJU's annual festival, Visages, was held on March 24 and 25, 2023. The fest was themed around street style and was attended by students from various colleges across Bangalore.

Fresher's Day for the Shift 3 students was organised on October 6, 2022 in the main auditorium to welcome the students to the university.

### **Parents' Council**

The SJU Parents' Council conducted a workshop on 'Adolescent Mental Health and Effective Parenting Strategies' along with Parent Council Elections on November 5, 2022. Dr Manjula V from Christ University was the invited speaker. The speaker emphasised the significance of open and direct communication patterns in

family, healthy decision-making, and the need for quality time with adolescents.

### **PRO**

The PRO (Public Relations Office) hosted several events during the past year to engage with the local community and promote healthcare, education, and entrepreneurship with events such as Health Camps, Eye Check-ups, Placement Fairs, collaborations with Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, and a Start-up Mela. The talk series Open Heart, organised on February 27, 2023, featured two notable speakers – singer Mr Raghu Dixit and activist Ms Sharmila Irom on February 15, 2023. Corporate Genesis was held on February 27, 2023. Former Governor Ms Margaret Alva and businessman Mr Irfan Razack were the chief guests of the event. Neerathon 2022 was a one-day event held at St Joseph's University on May 8, 2022 to raise awareness about water conservation and promote sustainable water management practices. The event was organised by the University's Wildlife Awareness and Conservation Club (WACC) along with the PRO.

## Placements

The placement drive was a great success with an overall placement rate of 87 per cent. The highest CTC offered to our students this year was Rs. 21 lakhs per annum. The Placement Office of SJU co-hosted seven webinars and talks with industry leaders. As of today, we have a total of 256 companies that are associated with SJU placement. These companies come from various industries such as IT, manufacturing, healthcare, hospitality, and many more.

## Women's Cell

Women's Cell conducted a weeklong event UDAAN from March 1 to 8, 2023 to celebrate International Women's Day in the university auditorium. Chief guests was Ms Sanjana, a Product Developer, and guest of honour, Dr Subhashini Muthu Krishnan. The event consisted of a panel discussion and a guest talk by Ms Geeta Menon, Founder of Stree Jagruti Samiti, which was followed by a cultural programme.

## Campus Ministry

The Campus Ministry at St Joseph's University is a vibrant team of teaching faculty who

take care of the corporal and spiritual needs of students and staff members through weekly masses, important occasions, and organising various workshops and conferences. This year, the Campus Ministry organised Diwali Celebrations at the University Auditorium on October 27, 2022, in the spirit of celebrating 'Unity in Diversity.' St Joseph's University had its first Christmas celebration on December 23, 2022, in an enthusiastic gathering of faculty, staff and students enthralled by Christmas carols rendered by the newly constituted University choir, Nightingale 2.0. The event had a Christmas message delivered by Ms Parul Batra, and Pro-Chancellor Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, in his address, reiterated the need for the spirit of caring and sharing in our troubled world today.

This year, The Ignitors programme was conducted from January 12 to 24, 2023. The sessions were conducted for all students across all three shifts, with 70 volunteer resource persons leading 6 sessions each for the students over the two-day period. Ignitors 2023 achieved its motto of "A Fire that Kindles other Fires,"

and uniquely enhanced the students' intellectual and moral development. The involvement of diverse resource persons contributed to the quality of the programme. The sessions covered topics such as Conflict Management and Decision Making, Creative and Critical Thinking, Love and Infatuation, Stress Management and Self-care, and Career Guidance.

## Outreach

Bembala is the Outreach division of SJU. Students are taught the importance of community service and how we can help those who are less privileged. Some of the major projects taken by Bembala during the year 2022-23 include Vigilance Awareness Week; Children's Day celebrations; rural exposure camps to Sindagi and Manvi; paper bag making and distribution to local shops; Traffic Awareness Drive, and many more. Bembala has received awards for the following - Anti-drug Campaign from the Excise Department, Government of Karnataka, and World Earth Day Climate Change Rally by the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs, Government of Karnataka.







### Josephite Choir

The Josephite Choir is blessed with immensely talented singers and saw a lot of new talented singers and musicians this year too. Mr Leonard Winston Aiman and Ms Joy Keren are the coordinators of the Josephite Choir. This year, the Choir has about 250 students singing for the greater glory of God. The choir started its journey this year from Glorious Festival of Harmony, a national level choir festival hosted by Glorious Choir, Bengaluru. The Josephite Choir also performed in front of the Honourable President of India, during her visit to inaugurate St Joseph's University.

### NSS

The activities undertaken at SJU-NSS aim towards the overall development of the students, by empowering them through workshops. This year activities like blood donation camps, plantation drives, cleanliness drives, awareness drives, helping the people from low socioeconomic status by making them aware of their rights, helped fuel the

students' social concern. NSS Exposure Camp was organised to help volunteers to understand the socio-economic and cultural conditions of rural life. The camp also helps to inculcate the true sense of oneness and understand the cultural rural knowledge.

### SJU Sports Day

The University conducted the 139th Annual Athletic Meet on February 17, 2023 in the University grounds. The chief guest was Mr Charles D'Souza, a national-level hockey player. There were many events conducted including 4x100 metres relay for both teaching and non teaching staff. SJU also organised SPORTSTAKES 2023, an Inter-College Sports Fest from April 10 to April 13, 2023 for 11 different games - Badminton, Basketball, Carrom, Chess, Football, Handball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Table Tennis, Throwball and Volleyball.

### NCC

Lt Akshay D Mandlik is the only ANO in the country to be part

of Youth Exchange Programme 2022, Delhi, and was the recipient of the highest NCC Award, Raksha Mantri Padak, by Ministry of Defence, Govt of India.

Cadet Sergeant (CDT/SGT) V Sai Subramanian represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the Republic Day Camp 2023. He is the All-India Best Cadet gold medalist (air wing, SD). He is an excellent 0.22 firer and proficient in academics and extracurriculars.

Cadet Sergeant (CDT/SGT) Charan Gowda K R represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the Republic Day Camp 2023. He is one of the only two SD cadets from 1 Karnataka Air Squadron attending this prestigious camp in 2023. He is an excellent 0.22 firer.

4 NCC Armd Sqdn Wing Cadets completed the Republic Day Parade 2023 and received Director General Commendation Cards.

CDT Mandeep Singh secured a Gold Medal during the IDSSC Shooting Camp.





## INAUGURATION OF ST JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY

St Joseph's University was officially inaugurated on September 27, 2022, by Smt Droupadi Murmu, the Hon'ble President of India, in the presence of several eminent guests that included Sri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Sri Basavaraj Bommai, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, Sri CN Ashwath Narayan, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education of

Karnataka, Sri NA Harris, MLA, Shantinagar constituency, Rev Dr Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore, and Fr Dionysius Vaz, SJ, Provincial of Karnataka and Chancellor, SJU. Around 5000 government officials, media personnel, Jesuits, clergy, dignitaries from other institutions, staff, students, and alumni/ae were also in attendance. The ceremony began

with the playing of the National Anthem by the Police Band, followed by a prayer song led by the SJU Choir. The Hon'ble President led the guests on the dais in lighting the ceremonial lamp. The Chancellor delivered the welcome address and presented the Karnataka State Government notice of the upgradation of St Joseph's College (Autonomous) to St Joseph's University.







In her address, the Hon'ble President emphasised the responsibility of educational institutions towards students and the role of National Education Policy, 2020. She expressed confidence in St Joseph's University catering to the aspirations of the students through its specialised learning.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister hailed the University for being a part of the growth of Karnataka and for giving back excellent students to society who succeed in all fields. The Archbishop of Bangalore also offered his prayers and invoked the blessings of the Almighty over the University.

The Hon'ble President unveiled the plaque to mark the historic occasion. She was felicitated by the Archbishop of Bangalore and the Chancellor. The Hon'ble Governor, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, and the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education were also felicitated.







## THANKSGIVING MASS

A Thanksgiving Eucharist was held on November 1, 2022, the All-Saints Day, in gratitude to the Almighty for the upgradation of St Joseph's College (Autonomous) to St Joseph's University. The main celebrant of the holy Eucharistic celebration was the Most Rev Dr Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore. Fr Vivek Lionel Basu, Secretary to the Archbishop; Dr Fr Charles Lasrado SJ, Principal, St Joseph's College of Commerce; Fr Joy Rodrigues SJ, Secretary and Treasurer, BJES; and all Jesuit priests of SJU were concelebrants.

In his homily, the Archbishop spoke about how saints were ordinary people who lived extraordinary lives. Citing the example of Blessed Carlo Acutis of Milan as a saint in jeans and T-shirt, His Grace urged that every one of us could be a saint. He added that the Jesuit institutions prepare students not to be the businessmen of tomorrow but the people of

tomorrow, who would be sent out to different parts of the world to make a difference. He expressed his joy in the progress of the institution and said that the Archdiocese is proud of the university. The Archbishop was felicitated by the Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

The Eucharist was followed by a thanksgiving programme graced by Shri CH Pratap Reddy IPS, Commissioner of

Police, Shri Sandeep Patil IPS, Additional Commissioner of Police, Shri Srinivas Gowda IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Bengaluru Central), other dignitaries, and the staff of SJU. The Vice-Chancellor also addressed the gathering and expressed his gratitude to the people who assisted the institution through their contributions and support in the transition of the college to the university.





## UG, PG ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES

Student orientation programmes are an essential part of college life. They provide new students with the opportunity to get to know their new campus, meet fellow students, and learn about the resources available to them. These programmes are designed to help students make a smooth transition to college life and

to acclimatise students to their new environment. Students are provided information on the rules and regulations of the university, academic requirements, campus amenities and facilities, etc. For many students, college is their first time away from home, and they may feel overwhelmed or anxious about their new

surroundings. Orientation programmes aim to ease these fears by providing students with a sense of belonging and community.

The first student orientation programme of St Joseph's University was held on August 23 and 24, 2022. The undergraduate students of all the shifts of the







university reported to the campus on August 23. The students had a general orientation in the auditorium where they were addressed by the Pro - Chancellor, Vice - Chancellor and the Registrar. Following the general orientation, the students had department-specific orientation by their respective class mentors. During the address, students were introduced to the various campus resources. The course

schedules, rules of the university, attendance requirements, dress codes were discussed. Information about extracurricular activities, clubs, and organisations that are available on campus was also disseminated. This was followed by a campus tour.

The postgraduate students reported to campus on August 24, 2022. Similar to the UG students, they also had a general

orientation in the Auditorium followed by the orientation by the respective PG Coordinators. They also had an exclusive address by Dr Sandra Misquith who emphasised the relevance of PG studies and the importance of research.

The orientation programme facilitated the students to be more confident and prepared them for the opportunities and challenges of college life.







## REPORT OF FDP TEAM

### **Lexio Brevis**

The academic year 2022-23 began on August 22, 2022 with Lexio Brevis which the FDP Committee organised. The programme emcees were Dr Padma, Ms Latha, and Dr Alan Godfrey. Fr Francis D'Almeida, SJ, Campus Director, carried out the prayer service. Melwin Colaco, Registrar, gave the welcome address, followed by the Vice - Chancellor's address. Dr Fr S Ignacimuthu, SJ, former Vice - Chancellor of the University of Madras, spoke on Excellence among Indian Universities: Challenges and Prospects for SJU as a University with a Difference. There were sessions on the Jesuit charism, teachers' involvement, and challenges and prospects to make SJU a top university. The Pro - Vice Chancellor's address followed this. After this session, there was an open discussion by Dr Suhas and Fr Arun Prashanth

D'Souza, SJ, on how the API components affect the promotion of the faculty members at SJU. Dr Alan gave the vote of thanks. Post-lunch, there were orientation sessions conducted by Dr Fr Xavier Savarimuthu, SJ, the research director.

### **Session for Mentors**

On October 10, 2022, the FDP team and the School of Humanities and Languages organised a session for mentors. The programme was called Mentorship at SJU: A Transformative Practice. First, Dr Ronald J. Macarenhas, the Pro-Vice Chancellor gave a session on mentoring. Then, Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, addressed the gathering. After that, Mr Roger Lurshay spoke on Collaboration and Understanding Unconscious Bias.

### **The Session for Class Representatives**

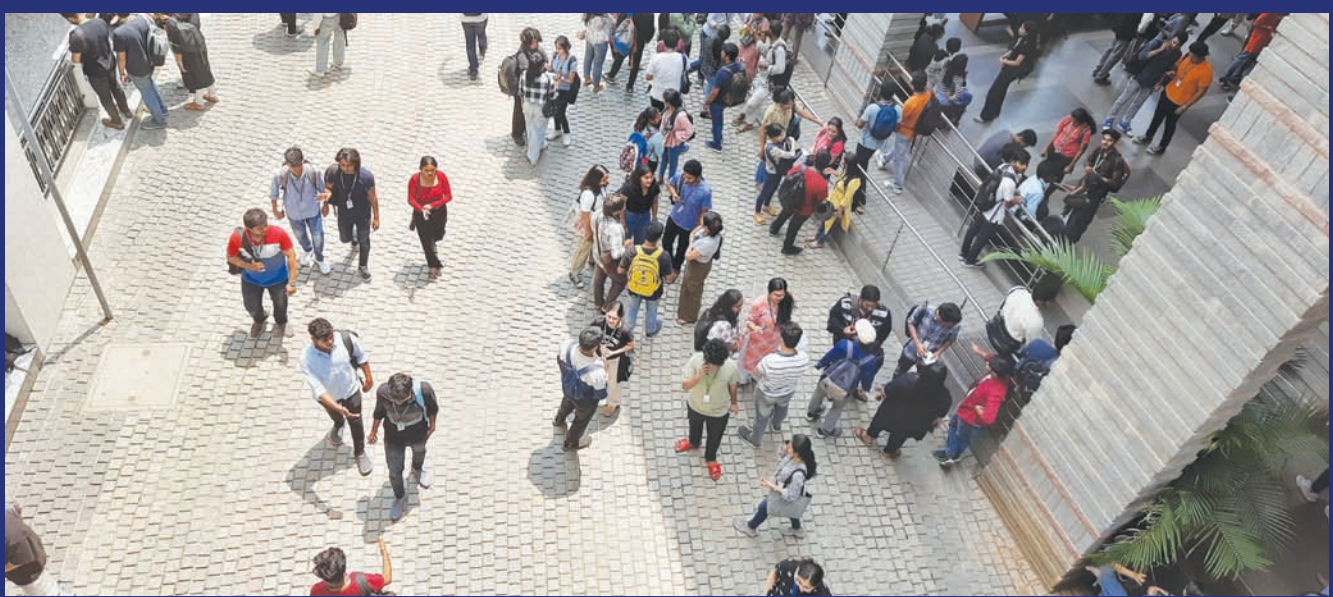
On October 12, 2022, the FDP team and the School of

Humanities and School of Languages and Literatures organised a session for student representatives from the School of Humanities and School of Languages and Literatures. Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, addressed the gathering, after which Mr Roger Lurshay spoke on Transformative Leadership Skills: Helping to Seek a Purpose Greater Than Self.

### **Induction Programme**

The FDP Committee, under the guidance of Mr Clement D'Souza, Dean of the School of Humanities, conducted an induction programme for new faculty members. The main focus of this programme was Jesuit Ethos, teaching, learning and classroom management. The convenor, Mr Clement, provided a briefing about the programme, followed by the Vice - Chancellor's address. Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, presented on Jesuit Ethos and Characteristics





of Jesuit Education. Mr Cyril then explained how examination and evaluation are carried out at SJU. Dr Syed Wajeed made a presentation on the activities of the IQAC. Dr Shivakumar presented the library orientation. Ms Nikita and Mr Roger Lurshay organised three sessions - goal setting and classroom performance management, collaboration and conflict management, and leadership and self-discovery.

### JESCOL -I

The FDP team conducted JESCOL-I from December 8 to 10, 2022. It involved understanding how Jesuits function; how their ideologies, principles and commitment lead to a better and more evolved society. The session spread across three days, explaining how collaboration between the Jesuits and teachers as laypersons can create wonders. Being brilliant

alone does not always make someone right; instead, active collaboration strengthens a team. Emphasising the Jesuit principles of Magis, Cura Personalis and the preferential treatment of the poor, the sessions taught the new faculty members how to be successful and empathetic leaders. The sessions made new faculty members proactive and competent to think critically and act wisely.







## BJES SPORTS DAY 2023

The Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society (BJES) organised its annual Inter-Unit Staff Sports Meet - Alentar Magis, at the St Joseph's University Grounds on February 4, 2023. The event was a grand success, with participants from different educational units of BJES showcasing their sporting skills and competitive spirit.

The event started at 9 am and continued until 5 pm. The Chief Guest of the event was Mr Hakimuddin Shabbir Habibulla, an Indian Olympian

and alumnus of St Joseph's College. The event was presided over by Rev Fr Brian Pereira, SJ, the Vice-President of BJES. Other dignitaries present on the occasion were Rev Fr Joy Rodrigues, SJ, the Secretary and Treasurer of BJES, and Rev Fr Dr Victor Lobo, SJ, the Vice-Chancellor of St Joseph's University.

The event began with an opening ceremony. The Chief Guest hoisted the flag, and the national anthem was played. In his address, the Chief Guest,

Mr Hakimuddin Shabbir Habibulla highlighted the importance of sports in the holistic development of an individual. Rev Fr Brian Pereira, SJ, in his presidential address praised the efforts of the organising committee in making the event possible at SJU.

The events included various sports such as cricket, badminton, table tennis, and throwball, and a flash mob performance. Loyola Institutions emerged as the winners of the cricket match and St Joseph's







Pre - University College (SJ PUC) came as runners-up. In badminton, the winners were St Joseph's University (SJU), while the runners-up were St Joseph's College of Commerce (SJCC). In the table tennis competition, the SJU team emerged victorious, with SJCC as the runners-up. In throwball, the SJU team displayed excellent teamwork and emerged as the winners of the game.

The participants displayed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship, making the event a memorable one. The matches were played

in a competitive spirit, with each team giving its best to win. The event was not just about sports but also about fostering a sense of community among the staff members of BJES. It provided an opportunity for staff members from different units to interact and get to know each other better.

The event ended with a closing ceremony, where the winners were felicitated with trophies and certificates. The Chief Guest and other dignitaries addressed the gathering, praising the

participants for their efforts and congratulating the winners.

The BJES Inter-Unit Staff Sports Meet - Alentar Magis - was a grand success, showcasing the sporting talent and competitive spirit of the staff members of BJES. The event not only promoted sports but also fostered a sense of community and camaraderie among the staff members. The event was a testament to BJES' commitment to the holistic development of its staff members.







## ALUMNI / AE ASSOCIATION REPORT

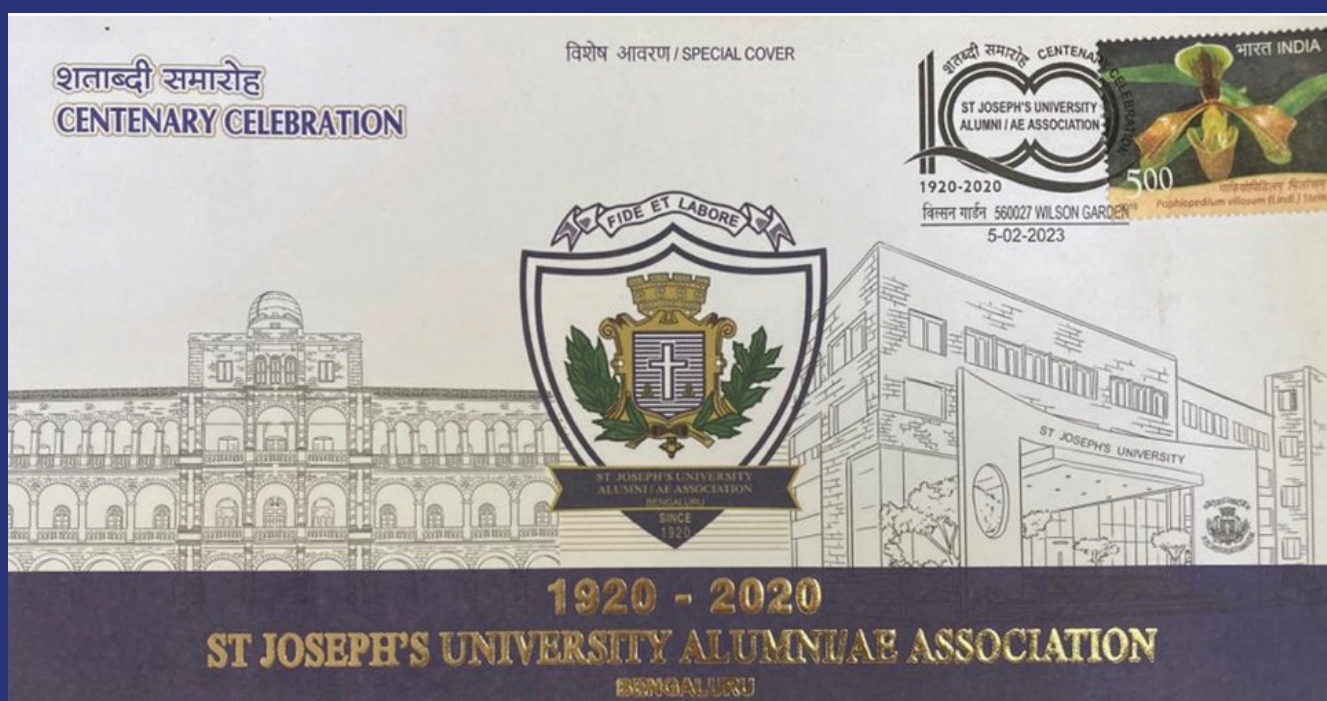
The academic year 2022-23 was a landmark year for St Joseph's University. The Alumni/ae Association played a stellar role under the leadership of Alumni President, Mr M Lakshminarayana IAS (Retd), in helping our institution achieve university status by tirelessly

working at both the state and central government levels and ensuring the bill was passed in the State Legislative Assembly.

### BA HONOURS (ECONOMICS) 1969-1972 BATCH VISIT

Eleven Members of the BA Honours (Economics) 1969-

1972 batch came together to celebrate the Institution's Golden Jubilee on May 21, 2022. The Vice-Chancellor presided over a short prayer, followed by the self-introduction of our alumni/ae, a visit to the campus, and a photo session. The meeting ended with lunch at ITC Gardenia.







### ALUMNI CHAPTERS IN USA

The Vice-Chancellor launched a new initiative named Alumni Chapters in the USA. The meeting was attended by Dr Fr Richard Rego, SJ (Director, Institute of Communication and Media Studies, and Convener, SJU Global Networking), Dr Tanmay Pramanik (Vice President, Institutional Compliance-TRACS), Fr Paul Pinto (International Director, Holy Cross Family Ministries), and Dr Paul Newman (Principal, St Joseph's Evening College and Alumnus) among others. The Association also conducted a charity drive on September 7, 2022. Support was extended to 300 children in Manvi, 100 children in Mt St Joseph's and 100 children in St Joseph's Briand Square through the distribution of soaps, toothpaste, and body lotion.

### INAUGURATION OF ST JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY

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Mr M Lakshminarayana IAS (Retd), Alumni President, Mr Frank Noronha, Former Director General, Press Information Bureau and Principal Spokesperson, Government of India, and Former President, Alumni/ae Association, were involved in the coordination of efforts between Rashtrapati Bhavan and the institution for the event. Mr David Sagayaraj, Vice President, Alumni/ae Association was instrumental in the planning and the successful conduct of the programme.

### MEDICAL CAMP

The Alumni/ae Association, St Joseph's University, in collaboration with St Martha's Hospital, organised a Medical camp for all the staff of SJU on October 17, 2022, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.





## ALUMNI/AE CENTENARY CELEBRATION

The St Joseph's Alumni Association celebrated 100 years of its formation on February 5, 2023. Held in the Campus Auditorium on Lalbagh Road, a special postal cover was released commemorating the centennial celebration of the St Joseph's Alumni/ae Association, the oldest alumni association in the state.

The formal programme began at 11:00 am with the lighting of the lamp by Chief Guest Mr Bijou Kurien, Chairman, Retailers Association of India. He joined Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, Mr M Lakshminarayana IAS (Retd), President, St Joseph's College Alumni Association, Mr Surekh Reghunathan, Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Fr Dionysius Vaz, SJ, Chancellor, and Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro-Chancellor, on the dais.

Mr Kurien expressed his point of view on the role of alumni in the development of an institution. He stated that alumni should

give back to their alma mater. He cited his observation of universities abroad, how their alumni are involved in many activities of the institution and how they contribute in many ways towards the betterment of their alma mater.

The Special Postal Cover was released by Mr Reghunathan and other dignitaries on the dais. The Association also screened a documentary on the launch of the new university campus that will soon be set up at the cost of Rs 2000 crore.

Many senior alumni and retired staff were present during the celebrations. Their display of enthusiasm and zeal for the institution inspired the present alumni/ae to contribute to the

betterment of the association. The event was followed by an informal programme in the Quadrangle which included food stalls, games, and music.

## FELICITATION OF MAJ GEN SURINDER SINGH SHARMA

Major General Surinder Singh Sharma, an alumnus of St Joseph's College, Batch of 1958, visited the St Joseph's University campus on February 21, 2023. He reminisced about his days as a student and remarked about his interactions with Fr Andrade, his Principal, and his teachers. He was felicitated by Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor. Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, and Mr Clement D'Souza were also part of the felicitation.







## INDEPENDENCE DAY

The 75th Independence Day was also the first Independence Day celebration at campus after the institution was conferred the status of University. This becomes another historical milestone for the institution, adding to its illustrious past that also involves its fight for India's independence from British colonial rule.

To mark the momentous occasion of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' and associated 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, on the morning of August 13, 2022, in a solemn ceremony, Vice - Chancellor Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, hoisted the tricolour on top of the administrative block. The flag fluttered till the evening of August 15, 2022, as per rules and instructions from the government.

On the morning of August 15, with an air of patriotism pervading every corner, in the

presence of staff, students, alumni and few parents, St Joseph's University witnessed one of the grandest celebrations of its kind. After inspecting a spectacular Guard of Honour accorded to him by the National Cadet Corps and the National Service Scheme, Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ hoisted the national flag in the University Ground. The dignitaries led by the Registrar greeted the Vice-Chancellor. In his Independence Day message, the Vice-Chancellor highlighted the role played by the youth of the country in liberating the motherland from colonial rule and called upon the students to be role models in nation building. The Registrar and Chairman of the Celebrations Committee, Dr Melwin Colaco, gave the national salute bringing to an end the formal celebrations of the Day.

The Management hosted the customary Independence Day tea party.

In the presence of NCC, The Protocol in Charge, Mr G Anuplal, lowered the national flags at 6:00 pm, bringing the curtains down on a memorable celebration.







## REPUBLIC DAY

The Republic Day celebrations at St Joseph's University commenced on the morning of January 26, 2023 with the honourable Vice-Chancellor inspecting a combined Guard of Honour accorded by the Cadets of 1 Karnataka Armoured Squadron and 1 Karnataka Air Squadron and the National Service Scheme.

After the unfurling of the national flag by the Vice-Chancellor and administration of the national pledge, the Pro-Chancellor, Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, and Vice-Chancellor, Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, received greetings from dignitaries and leaders of associations. In their Republic Day address, the Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor emphasised the importance of preserving the nation's unity and inclusiveness. They asserted the importance of students playing an important role in nation-building.

In a solemn and impressive Pipping Ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, assisted by the NCC Officers Squadron Leader Dr Paul Newman and Lt Akshay D Mandlik, conferred ranks on the following NCC Cadets:

1. Company Sergeant Major Ajaib Abbas



2. Company Quarter Master Sergeant Sharath Shaji Thomas (Both from 1 Karnataka Armoured Squadron)

3. Cadet Warrant Officer Apeksha Todkar

4. Cadet Sergeant Manjunath

5. Cadet Sergeant Leiyapam Kashak

6. Cadet Sergeant Suman Kumawat

7. Cadet Sergeant Vathsala T M

8. Cadet Sergeant Tharun

The celebrations culminated with the Registrar & Chairman of the Celebrations Committee Dr Melwin Colaco giving the national salute. The Management hosted the customary tea party.

At 6:00 pm, in the presence of the NCC, Mr G Anupl Protocol-In-Charge lowered the flag marking the end of Republic Day Celebrations of 2023.





## STUDENT COUNCIL

### ELECTION RESULTS

The Student Council Election was 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 to five different posts, namely President, Vice President, General Secretary I, General Secretary II, Treasurer, and Joint Secretary. 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 organise events,

address student concerns, and create a conducive learning environment for everyone.

### STUDENT COUNCIL 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 conferring the badges of the student leaders, which was followed by Mr Taral Shah, Assistant Professor of the Department of Mathematics, administering the oath. The student leaders pledged to uphold their responsibilities and work for the betterment of the university and its students. Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, 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 the young leaders being invested on that day.

### SWAGATH 2022

The Student Council welcomed incoming students of St Joseph's University with Swagath 2022, a memorable day of fun and excitement, on November 12, 2022. The event had performances by Kalah, the Western Music Association, the North East Association, and MIMA. Members of the Student Council also introduced themselves through an address by Ryan Roshan Roncalli, President, Student Council, and an ice breaker performance. The event also had 'Musical Evening' hosted by Alex and Akash of SJU. Three contests under the theme 'Indian cinema' were also conducted for students through the week culminating in Swagath 2022.

## TARE ZA-MEME PAR- MEME MAKING

Tare Za-Meme Par was a unique event which called for talented students to create the most filmy memes. The event was judged by Clara. The winners of the event were Ram B (222BCAA19), Shubham (221CST23) and Sayanika (221BCZ05).

## REEL THE REAL ONE- REELS MAKING

Reel the Real One called for innovative and creative students to showcase their talent in acting and mimicry to make crazy and catchy reels based on the concept of Indian cinema. The winners of the event were Sayantika, Samuel Nixon and Manasa.

## PERSONALITY

One of Swagath 2022's most anticipated contests, Personality, hunts for Mr and Ms Swagath 2022 of SJU. The event consists of a written and talent round, culminating in a grand finale. Som was crowned Mr Swagath 2022 while Amiteshwar was crowned Ms Swagath 2022.

## YOUTH WEEK

Youth Week was hosted on January 16, 17, and 21 of 2023, to bring out the youthful spirit and creativity among students. Students engaged in fun activities, games, and movie screenings. Youth Week flagged off 2023 for a good start and prepared students for the many events to come.

### Day 1 of Youth Week

The Student Council hosted the first day of Youth Week on January 16, 2023. The agenda behind the event was to celebrate the youth and their young



energy. Students promoted the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on January 16. The events focused on promoting freedom and oneness. The first day saw beatboxing performances and various stalls. The Emergency Band also caught the attention of the audience through their songs in various languages. The day came to a close with a speech from the members of the Council.

### Day 2 of Youth Week

Day 2 of Youth Week began with more performances from the student population. The highlight of the day was Anything But a Backpack Day, where students were asked not to bring any bags but to be creative in bringing all their books and belongings in something which was unique and different. A banner launch for Youth Week was also hosted by Mr Taral Shah, Governor, Student Council. The day was also made memorable through performances by WMA, Kalah, other University bands, and dance associations.

### Day 3 of Youth Week

The third and final day of Youth Week involved screening of the film 'The Pursuit of Happiness'. The theme of the film perfectly

matched the idea of Youth Week. The event came to an end with the Student Council making the official announcement for Prathibha 2023, the intra-collegiate fest.

## PRATHIBHA 2023

St Joseph's University successfully celebrated the amalgamation of energy and diversity through the intra-university fest Prathibha 2023. The fest took place for a month from January 30 to February 28, 2023. The fest saw different Schools competing against each other through a series of events. Its inauguration was held on February 28, 2023, and was graced by the presence of award-winning director and performer Mallika Prasad. The day came to an end with an energetic performance by Renegades x CSB, Fourth Riff, Traxler, and DJ Quinixo. After tough competition put up by all the Schools, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences emerged as the overall winner.

Mr Taral Shah, Governor, Student Council, oversaw the smooth functioning of the first Prathibha since the establishment of St Joseph's University and was supported by Fr Dionysius





Vaz, SJ, Chancellor, Fr Swebert D'Silva, Pro - Chancellor, Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor. Prathibha 2023 was made successful by the contributions of the Student Council, event heads, crew, and volunteers.

### **AMEYA– INDIAN SOLO DANCE**

Ameya saw individual participants portray their strengths through various Indian forms of dance like classical, contemporary, folk, and many more. The prelims were held on February 13, 2023, with 51 participants judged by Ms Thejaswini Balaji, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce. 24 contestants had the opportunity of competing in the finals held on February 21, 2023. The event was judged by Ms Niveditha Narayanan. Participants saw the stage as a wonderful opportunity to display their true talent. The winners of the event were Fida Ashraf (20CZBT50), Harshita R (221MST25) and Sri Divya (20BCOMA079).

### **THE NEXT MOVE– WESTERN SOLO DANCE**

The Next Move is a solo dance event conducted by JStreetCrew, the Western Dance association, as an opportunity for all students to showcase their skills and talent. The prelims were held on February 16, 2023, with 14 participants and the finals were held on February 27, 2023, with nine participants.

### **GROOVE2GATHER– WESTERN GROUP DANCE**

Groove2Gather was the Western group dance event organised by JStreetCrew, the Western Dance association. Teams came together to display their moves on the stage. The prelims were judged by Mr Stephen Sunil on February 22, 2023, with 14 teams battling it out in front of the audience. The finals saw the nine best teams executing their passion for dance and putting up a good effort to bag the first prize. The enthusiasm of the audience also made the event a resounding success.

### **FLOOR WARS– STREET DANCE BATTLE**

Dance aficionados found a place to battle against each other at Floor Wars, a street dance battle event organised by JStreetCrew. 31 participants busted their moves in an intense competition on February 11, 2023. Talented participants showcased their skills in the allotted 45 seconds to make it to the Top 16. The event was judged by Mr Brian Shahaji Thomas, who had a tough time choosing the best for the Top 8 and Top 4. Amidst the energy of the eager audience, a winner was finally picked out of the two finalists.

### **ADAAH– INDIAN GROUP DANCE**

Team Mrityunjaya, the Indian Dance team of the Josephite Dance Association, hosted Adaah, an Indian group dance event on February 20, 2023. A whopping 62 teams of 4-8 members from various schools participated in the event, judged by Ms Thejaswini Balaji, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, and Ms Sushmitha Vincent, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce. Teams were allotted three minutes and performed in various styles such as Indian contemporary, semi-classical, freestyle, folk, and so on, with Bollywood and Tapang emerging as the popular choices of dance. The crowds were thrilled by the mesmerising performances and dazzling costumes of the teams. 12 teams qualified for the finals, which saw unique performances put up by the talented participants. The event came to a close with Ms Sushmitha performing on stage with participants, much to the excitement of the audience.

## SHAKURSPEARE– RAP BATTLE

Shakurspeare was an individual rap battle contest held on February 10, 2023, and judged by popular singer SID18. The event saw 11 participants display their flair to entertain, impress, and ensnare the audience with their captivating performances. The event was also an insight into the versatility of talent that exists among students. Despite its hitches, the enthusiasm of participants and the audience made the event a success.

## THE HUMAN SOUNDBOX– BEATBOX BATTLE

The Beatbox Battle was held on January 30, 2023, as an opportunity for individual students to bring out their talent in beatboxing. 22 participants came together to set the stage on fire with their talent. The event was a grand success from the participation of students and the cheers of the audience. The winners of the event were Tarun K and Virag Gupta.

## AAROHA– INDIAN SOLO SINGING

Aaroha was an Indian solo singing competition judged by Ms Vidya Ramachandran and Ms Preksha Bharadwaj. The event saw a whopping 117 participants battle out on February 6, 2023. The finals saw 32 participants qualify on February 13, 2023. Judged by Vid Roopa Srikanth, the event saw students showcase their talent through their melodious voices.

## MEHFIL– INDIAN GROUP MUSIC

Providing a stage for talent and a break from monotony is the essence behind Mehfil, an event where students explored their musical

talents. Hosted on February 20, 2023, fabulous performances put up by 20 teams and applause from the audience marked the event judged by Ms Preksha Bharadwaj. 11 teams qualified to reach the finals hosted on February 27, 2023. Judged by Mr Pranesh and Mr Tanush, the event was marked by exemplary talent showcased through a variety of songs of languages from every corner of the country. Despite unforeseen circumstances, the event turned out to be a major success. The winners of the event were Team Sixth Note (School of Business), Team Dhvani Madhurya (School of Physical Sciences) and Team Karakattam (School of Humanities and Social Sciences).

## CADENZA– WESTERN SOLO SINGING

Cadenza, the Western solo singing competition, took place over four rounds, prelims - Anima, Susprium, and Bends, and finals - Arpeggi on January 30 and 31, 2023. Around 160 students participated to showcase their singing abilities in Anima, making it a resounding success. Judges based their evaluation on the criteria of skill technique, emotion and vocal performance, originality, and stage presence. Around 50 participants qualified for Susprium, a round where assigned coaches listened

to participants sing while being blindfolded, creating a unique selection process that was fair and impartial. Coaches evaluated participants based on their singing ability, vocal quality, and stage presence. They then created teams based on the performances of the best 32 participants for Bends, the next round. Participants in 16 pairs sang a Western musical duet of their choice. Coaches Agnes John, Michael Bright, Manisha Ruth, and Stuti Arun evaluated teams based on vocal quality, control and finesse, and stage presence. Each coach then picked two participants who would represent them in the final round, Arpeggi. All participants received astounding praise for their outstanding performances from both the judges and the audience. The winner was crowned based on the judges' evaluation and audience poll. Cadenza provided a platform for aspiring singers to showcase their talent and get recognition from judges.

## ACOUSTIC GROUP WESTERN

The Western Acoustic contest was held on February 16, 2023, with nine teams that consisted of up to eight members putting up talented performances. The finals were held on February 28, 2023 that saw four teams attract the attention of the energetic audience. Mr Marcel







Hoover acted as the judge while the audience listened to the melodious performances.

### **LEHRA– INDIAN SOLO MUSIC**

Kalah, the Indian Music Association, hosted Lehra, an Indian Classical Music event on February 11, 2023. Individual participants were allotted one accompanying instrument to create mesmerising performances. The event was judged by Mr Mahesh Prasad, who enjoyed the successful event. The audience enjoyed the blissful performances of the 16 participants and experienced the talents of the University.

### **DISK BATTLE– DJ WARS**

DJ Wars was a unique event hosted on February 25, 2023. Talented students from various schools got the opportunity to set the floor on fire with their mind blowing deejaying skills. The event was judged by music artist Tork, who evaluated nine participants. The winners of the event were Chirag and Shashank.

### **MANAO TOH JAANE**

The Hindi Parishad, in collaboration with the Student

Council, hosted a unique event Manao Toh Jaane on February 22, 2023. Nineteen participants put their skills of persuasion to the test by convincing opponents on various topics, ranging from marriage for actor Salman Khan to the evils of the dowry system. The event took place over a preliminary and a final round, which saw 10 participants battling for the position of winner. The event was judged by Mr Satish Honnanagar, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi, and Mr Guru Datta, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi. The enthusiasm of the audience was evident from their laughter as they enjoyed the great creativity and humour sense of the participants. The winners of the event were Anurag Tomar, Shubham Mishra, Neha Jain, and Aastha Gupta.

### **ACTOMANIA**

Actomania was a mono-acting event conducted on February 10, 2023. Mono-acting is a performance where a single actor presents one or a series of monologues to an audience. 26 participants were allotted 3-4 minutes to deliver their performance. The themes of the performances ranged widely from humour to personal stories

and social issues. Qualifying participants made it to the final round where the best three performers received winning positions. Judges evaluated participants for their delivery and impact. The event was a testament to the power of storytelling and the impact a single person can have on an audience. It also proved the wide range of talents that can be found in the student population.

### **ICE AGE– ICE BREAKERS**

The MIMA Association hosted Ice Age, an ice breakers contest over two rounds, the prelims on February 11, 2023, and the finals on February 28, 2023. Nine teams introduced their Schools in the most comical and creative manner to attract the attention of the audience. Five teams eventually qualified for the finals where judges Mr Deepak and Mr Cliferd Alfred allotted them 10 minutes to prepare and perform. The efforts of the participants were cheered by the audience, making the event a success.

### **MYSTERY OF SILENCE UNFOLD THE MYSTERY WITH HISTORY– DUMB CHARADES**

Mystery of Silence on Feb 16, 2023 had 17 teams from 60 qualifying for the event's 4 rounds. Questions related to silhouettes, images, slogans, and emojis on World & Indian Histories and Indian Mythology. Three teams won after elimination in each round. Students from various streams enjoyed the history-based event with enthusiasm. The competition challenged participants' enactment skills subtly, and they engaged the audience. The event was fruitful and memorable among Prathibha 2023's many events.

## MY MONA LISA

My Mona Lisa was hosted by the Department of French and Rendez-vous, the French Association, on February 14, 2023. The focus of the event was to allow participants to explore their interpretation of the famous piece of art, the Mona Lisa. The event was graced by the presence of 30 talented participants who displayed their artistic skill. They were judged by Mr Nevil D'Souza, Assistant Professor, Institute of Communication and Media Studies, and Mr Suhas Srinivas, Production Faculty, Institute of Communication and Media Studies. The event was successful in giving an insight into the abilities and talent of the students of the University.

## AIR CRASH

Air Crash was a unique individual event that presented a chance to get to know a variety of talented students from the university. Held on January 30, 2023, the main event was preceded by a questionnaire round with five sets consisting of six participants. 30 students with versatile skills displayed their flair to entertain, impress, and ensnare the audience with their unique and captivating performances. The event was judged by Mr Arun, Mr Anush, and Mr Deepak.

## JOSEPHITE FAMILY FEUD

Josephite Family Feud was hosted through an online preliminary round on February 20, 2023, and an offline final round on February 22, 2023. The prelims saw 58 teams consisting of 174 participants in total completing the given task in 30 minutes. The finals took place over nine rounds and was able to pull the attention of the crowds. The winners of the event were



Divyashree GM (221PYC37), Pranav Amarnath (221PYC38), Neelganth S (221PYC27), Sania Christle Vaz (20EMS36), Adithya Prakash (20EMS23), Bhuvan Kashyap (20EMS20), Chinmae C (21CMS38), Manoj (21CMS37) and Abhijit S (21CMS10).

## ELAN VITAL— FASHION SHOW

Elan Vital was held on February 6, 2023, with 50 teams participating from various Schools. Judged by Lt. Akshay D Mandlik, 10 teams, including the university Fashion Team, made it to the finals held on February 28, 2023. The event was able to attract a large crowd as participants showcased what the theme meant to them and put in effort in their costumes and their performance.

## PERSONALITY

Personality was held on February 26, 2023 with 105 students participating in the event. The prelims took place in the written mode whereby participants answered questions in the most creative manner. 12 participants qualified for the finals which took place on the stage. Judged by Mr Praveen Devasagayam and Mr Ruben Stalin, the individual event provided an insight into the talented personalities of the University. The winners Pranav B and Sania Philip, were crowned Mr and Miss Prathibha.

## MURDER MYSTERY

Murder Mystery, an event hosted by the French association Rendez-vous, was a showstopper as it saw over 700 applications with over 500 teams. The huge response was accommodated through an online preliminary round held on February 16, 2023. With 40 teams qualifying for the finals held on February 17, 2023, it was conducted over two rounds to find the 'true detectives' of the University. The event received positive feedback as teams enjoyed solving the case and its execution.

## JUST A MINUTE

Just A Minute was held on February 14, 2023, with 25 bright minds representing various schools. Conducted over five preliminary rounds culminating in a grand finale, the event was judged by Ms Shireen. Participants exhibited their remarkable elocutionary skills while refraining from hesitation, repetition, and deviation while articulating their thoughts.

## SITHIRAM PESUTHADI— CONNECTION

Sithiram Pesuthadi was a fun language-based game hosted by the SJU Tamil Sangam. The prelims, held on February 6, 2023, saw energetic participants guessing the names of five popular movies through clips and other clues presented on the screen. The finals





were held on February 15, 2023, with seven qualifying teams. The semi-finals saw seven questions based on movies and song lyrics, culminating in the finals with four qualifying teams. The success of the event was evident from the energy of the participants.

### **IMPROV**

Students found the opportunity of displaying their talent on stage through Improv, a contest held on January 30, 2023. The first round was based on prompt acting while the second round was a question game. 28 teams of three participants demonstrated their ability to entertain, impress, and enthrall the audience with their distinctive and engaging performances.

### **MORNING BUSINESS**

Morning Business was a creative writing competition held online on February 25, 2023. The individual event saw 56 participants write about the topics 'morning in Bangalore' and 'pockets'. The event was judged by Ms Vijeta Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of English. The winners of the event were:

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

### **CAPTURE THE MOMENT**

Capturing the events on campus during Prathibha 2023 is the focus behind this year's photography competition, Capture the Moment. Around 20 students from various Schools participated in the event. Judged by Mr Anandhu KH, Production Faculty, Institute of Communication and Media Studies, the three best submissions were declared as the winning entries.

### **ANIMANIA- ANIME QUIZ**

Animania was a quiz competition based on all things anime, which was conducted on February 22, 2023. A total of 73 teams participated in the preliminary round. The semi-finals were hosted on February 27, 2023, which saw 13 qualifying teams battle it out to make it to the top five teams of the final round. The event brought anime lovers together as they put their knowledge to the test.

### **ARM WRESTLING**

Participants came together for a fun and old-fashioned game of arm wrestling hosted on February 28, 2023. More than 100 students participated in separate rounds, eight for boys and four for girls, to prove their strength in a single minute. The smooth progress of the event was attributed to the constant enthusiasm and sportsmanship of the participants. The winners of the

event were Aidan (21CPE082) and Shriya (20BVC050).

### **BUSINESS SUMMIT**

Business Summit was a group event hosted on February 22, 2023. Six teams consisting of 12 participants in total came together for five rounds to present a synopsis of a business venture. In the first round, participants built their construction company. They had to come up with names for the company and prove how their companies are best suited in terms of technology, human resource, and so on. After a business quiz in the second round, a surprise government grant left participants in a frenzy in the third round. Participants who were able to make use of the allotted grant and other funds accumulated over the previous rounds in auctions to extract the most benefits moved to the next round. While the fourth round saw presentation of synopsis and attracting the attention of potential investors, the fifth and final round had participants negotiating and striking deals amongst themselves. Judged by Ms Anjali Sharma and Ms Riya, the event became a success through the enthusiasm of its participants.

### **FILM OLYMPICS**

The Rushes Film Club hosted the Film Olympics on February 28, 2023. The event took place in five rounds over three weeks. Industry professionals and experts came together as judges for the event. Participants were expected to be well-versed with their characters and must prepare a 'roast sheet' prior to the event before the judges picked participants at random for a face-off. Participants explored their love and talent for filmmaking through the contest, making the event a resounding success.

## AD FILM MAKING

The Rushes Film Club hosted the Ad Film Making contest on February 16, 2023. The individual event was judged by Mr Jacques Nikolai Border and saw 10 participants creating ad films based on the given topic in their creative visions.

## LAUGH AT THIS— STANDUP COMEDY

Laugh at This was a standup comedy event featuring three rounds. On Feb 10, 2023, two preliminary rounds were held, with the final round on Feb 20, 2023. In the first round, participants performed a classic standup set in 3 minutes. The second round allowed the qualified to perform on a chosen topic in 5 minutes. The third round featured a roast battle on script between two finalists. The audience and contestants enjoyed crazy jokes and punchlines. Mr Denzel Moses and Mr Ritvik judged the event, impressed with the participants' talent. The winners, Akash Das, Sohil Ahmed, and Mayukkan, were announced after the event.

## DHUM BEKOLEY

The Kannada Sangha hosted a fun Sandalwood trivia contest Dhum Bekoley on February 10, 2023. 78 contestants in teams of two took part in the event. It was judged by Mr Dhanush B, former General Secretary, Kannada Sangha. Despite the tough competition, the event allowed many students to interact and engage with other Sandalwood fans. The event received great response from the crowd, with many discussing their cherished fan moments and their favourites from Kannada cinema.



## REBUTTAL REBELS

Rebuttal Rebels was a debating contest held over two rounds. The first round was hosted with 14 participants on February 10, 2023, with the topic 'Should feminism be irrelevant in the 21st century?'. 10 participants qualified for the finals hosted on February 21, 2023 and debated on the topic 'All drugs should be legalised'. The event came to a close with three participants declared as the winners.

## SLAM ME! SLAM POETRY

The poetic prowess of students were witnessed through Slam Me, a slam poetry contest held over two rounds. The first round was conducted online on February 9, 2023 while the finals were conducted offline on February 11, 2023. The preliminary round was judged by event heads Preksha Chanda and Nyx while the final round was judged by Ms Nirmala Rajah Cynthia, Assistant Professor, Department of English. The eight finalists of the event displayed their excellent talent in poetry writing.

## BAND OF THE PACIFIC- ASIA CONCERT

St Joseph's University hosted a concert by the Band of the Pacific Asia on Feb 15, 2023. The US Air

Force band showcased traditional Asian music, pop, and jazz. The event was organised by the student council and attended by 1200 students in the auditorium, with strict security checks. Dr Cheriyan Alexander of the English Department brought the band to the campus. The band featured Master Sergeant Joshua Holdridge, Staff Sergeant Peter Somerville, Tech Sergeant David Dormeus, Senior Airman Austin Pierce, Tech Sergeant Joanne Griffin, Staff Sergeant Salina Cruz, and Tech Sergeant Kelcey McDonald. Their fusion of traditional and contemporary styles was engaging and received a standing ovation. The event highlighted cultural diversity and cross-cultural communication.

## VISAGES 2023

VISAGES 2023, a yearly cultural intercollegiate fest organised by the Student Council, took place on March 24 and 25, 2023. This year's fest was centred around the theme of street style, and it brought together students and participants from more than four contingents and ten colleges to showcase their talents in fashion, music, and art. With over 30 events spanning two days, including dance competitions, rap battles, dance competition, singing events, and more, the fest was an electrifying celebration



of intercollegiate participation and street culture.

Adding to the excitement was the Pro Night, which spanned across both days with 4000+ students on campus. Winners for all events were announced on the same day, and the overall winners of VISAGES 2023 were announced on March 25. St Joseph's College of Commerce emerged as the winners of the fest, for showcasing their talent and spirit of participation throughout the event.

For the first time in the history of the university, an international artist from Sunburn Arena - the team of 'Le Twins', followed by other pro night DJs Jonas Monteiro and Quinixo-performed in the campus.

Expert judges were selected for all events, and they truly inspired the participants to perform their best. VISAGES was an incredible showcase of creativity, talent, and passion, and all the participants, performers, and volunteers made this fest a huge success.

### ICE BREAKERS

Ice Breakers was held on March 24 in the university auditorium.

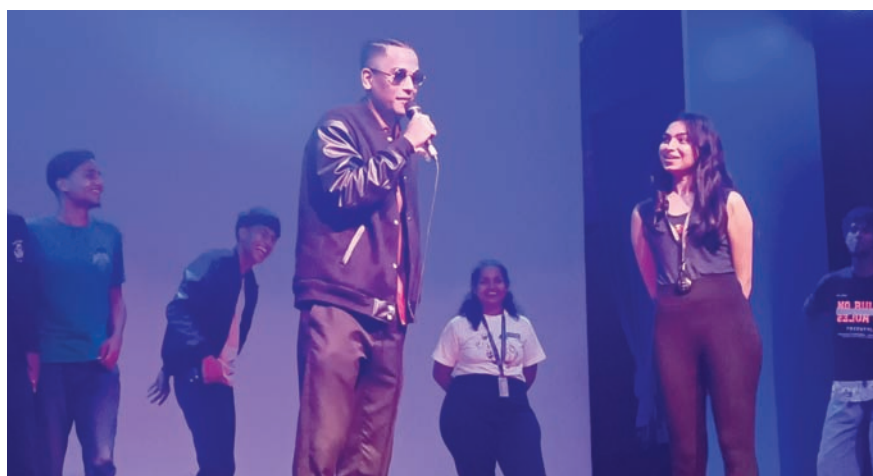
The event was organised by MIMA Association, and two teams from St Joseph College of Commerce and Presidency University participated in the event. The event started at 1:00 pm and concluded at 2:00 pm. The judges for the event were Anthony Rithvik and Nishanth Pee. The event had certain rules and regulations, including a time limit of 6+1 and a team size of 6+2. Any sort of vulgarity was strictly prohibited, and no props were allowed. English language was given priority usage, and other languages were to be minimised. It involved two rounds- an introduction round, and an improv round. Both the teams had to introduce themselves and their team members within the given time limit. The improv round was challenging, but the participants did a terrific job. They put in a lot of effort and enthusiasm and received cheers from the audience. Both teams showed excellent coordination and teamwork. The judges made their final decisions, and the two best teams were declared as winners.

### AFICIONADO

AFICIONADO sought to find the team with the best managers

and was held on March 24 from 1:15 pm to 4:00 pm. The event saw participation from three colleges, with two teams from Christ University and one from Presidency College. The competition consisted of four rounds, with each round presenting different challenges. The first round of the competition was a group discussion on the topic, 'Is euthanasia ethical?'. The teams were given a set amount of time to discuss and debate the topic. This round was designed to test the critical thinking and communication skills of the teams. The second round was an HR round, which focused on the theme of 'hire and fire'. The teams were given a hypothetical scenario, and they had to come up with a solution that involved hiring and firing employees. This round tested their problem-solving abilities and understanding of human resource management. The third round was a marketing round that involved the launch of a product with a twist- in the final 10 minutes, the teams were asked to switch laptops with their competitors, and the original owners of the project were later made to be part of the investors' panel. The final round was a PR crisis round. The teams were presented with a hypothetical crisis scenario, and they had to come up with a solution that addressed it. This round tested the teams' crisis management skills and ability to think on their feet. The teams from all three colleges performed admirably, and both the first and second prizes were bagged by Christ University.





### **STREET WARS (COUNCIL WARS)**

VISAGES 2023 witnessed an intense competition between student councils of different colleges in Street Wars. The event was held in the main stage and started at 3:20 pm. Two teams representing St Joseph’s College of Commerce and Presidency College participated. The event began with a brief introduction of the teams and rules of the competition. The teams were given three minutes each to present their ideas on how they would tackle a hypothetical situation where they had to deal with a crisis in their college council. Both teams showcased their creativity and innovation in their presentations, using various props and visual aids to make their point. SJCC, being an experienced team, delivered an impressive presentation, highlighting their experience and track record in handling such situations in the past. Presidency College, being the first-timers, put up a good fight and presented their ideas with great confidence and enthusiasm. After a careful evaluation of the presentations, SJCC was declared the winner of the competition.

### **OTAKU OLYMPICS AND COSPLAY CLASH**

Otaku Olympics and Cosplay Clash was an anime quiz along

with a cosplay show. It was a duo event with eight teams (16 participants) from SRCC, NIFT, Presidency and so on. The event was sponsored by an Instagram store. The first round of the quiz involved 25 questions including three bonus questions, by the end of which five rounds qualified for the second one. Out of the five teams, the one representing SJU came first, followed by SJCC. The cosplay competition was won by the team from NIFT. T-shirts, posters and stickers were given away as prizes for all winning teams.

### **256 HERTZ (BEATBOX BATTLE)**

Day 2 of VISAGES consisted of more enjoyable events including a beatbox battle. The event showcased the talents of eight participants, six of whom represented other colleges. Despite a few setbacks, the event proceeded smoothly and was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved. The event was judged by three highly renowned artists in the Indian beatbox community, all of whom brought their expertise and years of experience to the table. The judges’ impartial feedback and opinions were crucial to the success of the event, as they provided valuable insights to the participants and ensured fairness

in the competition. Overall, the Beatbox Battle at Visages 2023 was a memorable and exciting event, showcasing the talents of some of the best beatboxers in the community. It was a testament to the hard work and dedication of all involved, and a fitting addition to the already impressive lineup of events at Visages 2023.

### **MEHFIL**

Mehfil was an Indian group music event held on Day 2 of VISAGES. The first team to perform was from Christ University. Their music was a blend of classical and contemporary Indian music, and the team members showed great coordination and synchronisation in their performance. Their unique style and the smooth transitions between different music genres impressed both the judges and the audience. The second team to perform was from SJCC. Their music was more towards the classical side, with a strong focus on the vocals. The team members had excellent singing skills and harmonised beautifully with each other. Their performance left the audience spellbound, and they received a standing ovation from the crowd. The judge for the event was Mr Manojavvam Aatreya, a well-known musician in the Indian music industry. He praised both the teams for their outstanding performances and announced Christ University as the winner of the event. The winning team received a trophy and certificate. Mehfil showcased the talent and skill of young musicians and brought together people who share a passion for music. It was a true celebration of Indian music and culture.

### **CHIRAL**

On March 24, the undergraduate Chemical society of Chemistry





Department organised Chiral. The event took place in N104, from 12:50 to 3:50 pm. Ten teams participated in the event. Seven teams belonged to St Joseph's University, two teams were from Christ University, and one from Dayanand Sagar College. The event was divided into one preliminary round and three final rounds, with the elimination of two groups each round, based on marks obtained by the teams after performing the given task. The preliminary round required the participants to fill the periodic table in under five minutes. The first round was a crossword puzzle on facts and puns related to chemistry, with a time limit of ten minutes. The second round was Guesstures, wherein the participants had to guess the given word by excluding the taboo words via just verbal conversation. The teams were given one minute to complete as many cue cards as they could. The final round was ChemJam. From the remaining five teams, one member was selected from each to compete with the others. Christ University won the overall event with the highest score, followed by St Joseph's University in second place. Winning teams were awarded cash prizes.

### **PERSONALITY**

Personality started at 3:30 pm on March 25 in the auditorium.

The event commenced with a preliminary written round. The 12 participants were provided with ten questions, out of which nine participants with the most creative responses qualified for the main event. The main event involved three rounds. The first round was the introduction round where the participants had to introduce themselves in a creative way. The second round was the talent round. This was an elimination round and six participants qualified. The third round was the roast round. All the participants tried their best to roast their opponents and the best four participants qualified for the finals. Finally, the last round was a face-off round. Allen Gonzales won the title of Mr Visages and, after the results, the judges were thanked with a memento from the university.

### **INDIAN CLASSICAL DURBAR**

On March 24, Kalah, the Indian Music Association, hosted the Indian Classical Durbar as part of the Visages inter-collegiate fest. The event was conducted at 11:30 am and featured three participants who were expected to perform a mini-concert, with one to six participants including instrumentalists. As part of the event, the participants were expected to perform Indian

classical music, which has a rich and diverse history. The performances of the participants showcased the beauty and intricacy of this art form. The judge for the event was Manojavvam Athreya, who thoroughly enjoyed all the performances of the participants.

### **PANTOMIMIST (MIME)**

The group event was held on March 24 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Arrupe Atrium. The judge for the event was Stephan Paul, an alumnus of the university. Teams consisted of seven to nine participants, and use of props was prohibited. They had five (with an additional one) minutes to perform their acts. After the performances, the judges announced the winners. Last Minute Production from Christ University secured the first place, and Zealous Production, also from Christ University, secured the second place.

### **FUNERAL FLIGHT (AIR CRASH)**

Funeral Flight was an air crash event held on Day 1 of VISAGES. The event started at 10:30 and it was the first event conducted in the Arrupe atrium on that day. The event started with great enthusiasm from the crowd and all the students gathered up to support the participants from various colleges. Round one involved the participants introducing themselves with any South Indian character of their choice. In round two, the judges gave unique characters to the participants. Each participant got an opportunity to present themselves with various ways to convince the judge to give them the sole parachute. Mayukan from SJU came first followed by Allen Gonsalves from SJCC as the runner-up.

## 24 FRAMES A DAY

24 Frames a Day was a six-hour filmmaking challenge organised by Rushes Film Club under VISAGES 2023. The event was held on campus and the participants were given the theme 'Instability of Life' on spot. They were allowed to submit their films within a duration of six hours with a team of one to six members, and the films had to be within a time frame of three to seven minutes. The films were received via a Google form that was sent out prior to the submission deadline, and later tabulated into a scoresheet for the judge, Nicholas, to mark them across all the criteria. Stalan Renzo and Team from SJCC won first place, and Pavithra from Christ University YPR won the runner-up prize. The winner and the runner-up's films were appreciated for their efforts and talent. The winning teams were awarded with certificates and a memento was given to the judge.

### Runway Rendezvous (Fashion Event)

The Fashion Team event was held on the second day of VISAGES and featured two teams representing SJCC and SJEC. The event was judged by two high profile judges, Jaspreet Kaur and Nikitha Mutha. Jaspreet Kaur is a top 16 model in Karnataka and has participated in various fashion shows, while Nikitha Mutha is a senior model who has walked ramps for various shows and has modelled for brands such as AJIO and Myntra. Both teams put up a great show, and the first place was awarded to SJCC, followed by SJEC. The event was a great success, with both the teams showcasing their talent and creativity in the fashion domain.



The judges were impressed with the models' performances and the organisers' efforts in conducting the event smoothly.

### Pitch Please! (Western Solo Singing)

Pitch Please! was a western solo singing competition organised by the WMA. The event began at 11:00 am on Day 2 of VISAGES. Preene Dias and Agnes John judged the event. A total of 11 participants presented brilliant performances which drew cheers from the crowd. The first place was bagged by Risa Patrick of SJCC and second place by Diya from Christ University.

### URBAN JUKEBOX (WESTERN GROUP MUSIC)

Organised by the WMA, this event began at 12:30 pm and was judged by Ricky Mathew, Andrew, and Manisha Ruth. There were two registrations in total, with the teams representing SJCC and MCC. SJCC bagged the first place and MCC placed second.

### GROOVE 2GETHER (Western Group Dance)

Groove 2Gether was a western group dance event conducted by Jstreets Crew, the western dance association, to give an

opportunity to all the students to showcase their skills and talent. The event took place on Day 2 at 12:45 pm and a total of twelve teams participated. The teams brilliantly showcased their dancing skills through the performances on the main stage. The first place was bagged by Illusions Crew, followed by Insync Crew in second place.

### PRAVAH (Indian Group Dance)

Pravah was the Indian group dance event conducted by Team Mrityunjaya, the Indian Dance Team of the Josephite Dance Association. Seven college teams participated in the event, representing SJCC, NMIT, MS Ramaiah, Jyoti Nivas College, MCC, and Presidency University. All the groups had 6-15 members and were given a time limit of 5+1 minutes.

The event started at 11:30 am. The teams' performances incorporated various Indian styles, including Indian Contemporary, Classical, Semi-Classical and Bollywood. There were both non-theme and theme based performances. Out of the seven teams, the three winning teams were NMIT, Team Sangharsh, SJCC, Team Lasya and MCC, Team Ahilya.





### **Ly Hara (Indian Solo Dance)**

Ly Hara was an Indian solo dance event conducted in the auditorium at 12:30 pm on Day 2 of VISAGES. Contestants from MCC, SJCC, MVJCE, Christ University, KJC, and Seshadripuram Law College participated, and had to perform for a maximum of four minutes. The event was judged by Ms Thejasvini Balaji, Assistant Professor of the Department of Commerce. KJC came first, followed by SJCC in second place, and Christ University (Kengeri) in third.

### **Royale Resonance (Battle of Bands)**

Royale Resonance was a battle of bands event jointly organised by the WMA and Kalah, taking place on Day 2 of VISAGES. The event took place from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Despite a few setbacks, the participating teams gave outstanding performances.

### **Aaroha (Indian Solo Singing)**

Aaroha, the Indian solo singing event, hosted by the Indian music association, Kalah, on February 24. The event was conducted in the Arrupe AV room.

With a total of 14 participants from various colleges of Bangalore, the event was a complete musical journey. There were multiple genres from folk to melody in the event, with participants performing in multiple languages. The judge of the event was Mr Pranesh, a renowned Indian singer specialising in genres of melody and classical music.

### **Improv**

Improv was hosted by MIMA on Day 2. There were two rounds and a total of five teams with three participants each. The first round involved assigning tricky hypothetical situations to the participants. They came up with hilarious scenes, within a time duration of four minutes. In the second round, there was a twist and the participants now had to switch languages while acting out the situations of their choice. A team representing SJCC came first, followed by Presidency in second place, and another team from SJCC in third.

### **Pushpaka Vimana (Dumb Charades)**

This event was organised by the Kannada Sangha on Day 1, in N101 from 11:30 to 1:00 pm. It was judged by Dr Poonima BN,

Associate Professor, Department of Kannada. Five teams participated in a total of four rounds. The winning team was from SJU, followed by a team representing Jyoti Nivas College as the runner up.

### **Bid Bash**

The Bid Bash auctioning event organised by the Entrepreneurship Cell saw high participation with 11 participants. The event started off with the auctioneer introducing the structure of the auctions. Teams initially bid for team names, following which they bid for a total of 84 players. Team SJCC placed first, while Christ University YPR was declared as the runner up.

### **Utsaah '23**

The activities of the student council came to a close with the spectacular Ethnic Day celebration on May 7, 2023 at University auditorium. The event brought students from various ethnic backgrounds together to celebrate their cultural diversity, and it was attended by over 3000 students on campus. The event kicked off at 12:00 pm and went on until 3:30 pm with an exciting lineup of performances from various student groups representing different ethnicities. The event was a perfect blend of entertainment and education, with performances that showcased the rich cultural heritage of the students featuring performances from various groups, including WMA, Kalah, 4th Riff band, Hindi Parishad, Tamil Sangam, Kannada Sangha, and Malayalam Association. The performances included music, dance, and cultural skits, and all the participants enjoyed every moment of it.



## CAMPUS MINISTRY

### DIWALI

Diwali is a festival of lights and symbolises the spiritual ‘victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.’ St Joseph’s University celebrated Diwali in the university auditorium on October 27, 2022. The campus was full of light and decorated with a beautiful display of diyas. The celebration was held on the topic ‘Celebrating Unity in Diversity.’ The programme started at 1:00 pm and was presided over by Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Pro - Vice - Chancellor. An invocation song was performed by students and scriptures were read from different religious books. A thoughtful message was delivered by Dr Mudnakudu Chinnaswamy, a renowned poet of Karnataka. Diwali greetings were given by Mr Mohammed Z Ali. Some staff members and students narrated their experiences of Diwali, following which, a student performed a classical dance representing happiness and celebration. Lighting of the diyas was done by all the dignitaries, staff members and students. The celebration ended by distributing snacks to all the students and staff members. The event was organised

by Dr A Stephen, Ms Niha Asif, and Dr Ahana Pinto under the guidance of Fr Francis Almeida, SJ, Campus Director.

### YULETIDE 2022

#### Christmas Celebration at St Joseph’s University

St Joseph’s University had its first Christmas celebration on December 23, 2022. The celebrations began with Yuletide 2022, a formal meeting in the auditorium at 10:00 am. Ms Princy Nisha welcomed the gathering to the celebration. The newly constituted University choir, Nightingale 2.0, sang Christmas carols. Ms Parul Batra’s Christmas message walked the audience through memories of Christmas celebrations at various stages of their lives. Pro-Chancellor, Fr Swebert D’Silva, SJ, in his address reiterated the need for the spirit of caring and sharing in our troubled world today. Vice-Chancellor, Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ highlighted the relevance of celebrations like Christmas to enhance tolerance and compassion. He stressed the aspect of self-giving for facilitating the efforts toward building an egalitarian society. While the Santa Claus enthralled the audience, Ms Sushmita Vincent and Ms Teena

Maria Rani entertained them with fun-filled games. Decorating the Christmas tree was the highlight of the event. Mr Pramod Harle’s quiz made the audience navigate the history of Bangalore. The melodious voice of the choir reverberated in the auditorium as the formal gathering came to an end. Dr Sr Saly proposed the vote of thanks. Dr Valeen Rashmi Pereira and Mr Nigel George were the masters of the ceremony. Dr Lillykutty Abraham was the coordinator of the formal meeting. The celebrations ended with a sumptuous lunch.

### IGNITORS

IGNITORS - Integral Formation Programme 2022-23 (incorporating the NEP with one credit) was successfully organised for the students of St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru. According to the implementation draft of the NEP 2021, each student is required to earn one credit every semester under the Skill Enhancement Category. Therefore, the KJES Youth Works organised the programme in collaboration with the Campus Ministry of SJU.

Ignitors 2023 was a successful programme held from January



16 to January 24, 2023 at St Joseph's University. The event was organised by the Ignitors Committee in partnership with the Campus Ministry and Bembala Outreach Team. The systematic approach employed by the organisers resulted in a highly successful event that achieved its motto of "A Fire that Kindles other Fires." The programme had a unique impact on the intellectual and moral development of the students. To ensure the success of the programme, the organisers engaged diverse resource persons with expertise in various fields, which contributed significantly to the quality of the sessions. The programme catered to students from all three shifts and involved 70 volunteer resource persons who led six sessions each over the two-day period. Apart from the quality sessions, various in-class and extracurricular activities provided a fun learning experience for the students. Ignitors 2023 was a well-organised event that delivered on its promise of providing students with valuable intellectual and moral growth opportunities while creating a fun and engaging environment.

**Programmes involved were as follows:**

**Semester I: Ignitors Programme on Soft Skills**

1. Goal Setting & Time Management
2. Communication Skills
3. Youth & Media
4. Social Etiquette
5. MAG+S-Designing a strong work Ethic
6. Leadership Skills -1 (Basic)
7. Vision, Mission, and Legacy of SJC
8. Peer Power & Peer Pressure



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9. Emotional Issues of Adolescents

**Semester III: Ignitors Programme on Social Analysis**

1. India Today -Picturing Socio-Economic-Political Realities of our Country
2. Caste and Gender Discrimination
3. Human Trafficking & Child Labour
4. Domestic Violence and Sexual Harassment
5. Youth for Human Rights
6. Youth and Law
7. Challenges for Youth in India
8. Power and Violence
9. Active Citizenship for an Inclusive Society

**Semester V: Ignitors Programme on Life Skills**

1. Crisis /Conflict Management & Decision Making
2. Creative and Critical Thinking
3. Love vs Infatuation
4. Self Esteem and Confidence Building
5. Stress Management & Self Care
6. Reactive and Proactive behaviours
7. Personal and Social Values

8. Power of Positive Thinking
9. Motivation

The students had a positive experience attending the sessions and expressed their satisfaction with the way the instructors facilitated the classes. The students praised the instructors for simplifying complex topics into smaller, more digestible pieces of information. They also appreciated the instructors' willingness to answer their questions and foster discussions about the course material.

**CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH**

The feast of St Joseph was celebrated at St Joseph's University on March 21, 2023 in the university auditorium at 12:30 pm. The main celebrant for the solemn Eucharistic celebration was Dr Fr Joe Xavier SJ, the Director of Indian Social Institute, Bangalore who has been serving in the society of Jesus for the cause of refugees.

He preached about St Joseph in a very beautiful and inspiring way. At the conclusion before the mass was completed, the Pro - Chancellor Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, and the Vice - Chancellor, Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, addressed the gathering. The celebration ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr Alan Godfrey, Head of the Department of Social Work. Refreshments served to the attendees added joy to the feast celebration.



## AICUF KARNATAKA

### **BE THE LIGHTS: TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME '22**

AICUF members from St Joseph's University participated in the Be the Lights leadership programme organised by AICUF Karnataka on September 24 and 25, 2022. The event was graced by the presence of Mr Dheenakar, Full Timer, AICUF Chennai, Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro-Chancellor, and Dr Fr Maxim Diaz, SJ, State Advisor, AICUF. During the inaugural and investiture ceremonies, Rashmi DN, Secretary, AICUF SJU, was sworn in as a member of the national team, making the occasion all the more special.

The first day of the event began with a session by Mr Prashanth, where participants learned about the history of AICUF. The subsequent sessions were led by Br Reuell and Fr Arun Louis, respectively, focusing on

important issues such as migrants and the role of AICUF members in resolving contemporary problems. Participants were also engaged in group discussions, encouraging them to share their ideas and opinions.

The second day started with a session on inter-religious harmony, conducted by Dr Fr Maxim Diaz, SJ. The importance of mental health was the topic of the second session, led by Ms Rekha Ahuja. Following group discussions, the Sunday Mass was conducted by Fr Diaz. The programme concluded with a valedictory ceremony, where participants were acknowledged for their involvement and awarded participation certificates.

### **SKETCHING/PAINTING & ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION**

AICUF Council Members kickstarted a new year for the association with the hosting of a sketching and essay writing

competition. The event was held on September 17, 2022, at the Magis Block. The first session of the event was held from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm, while the second session was held from 3:45 pm to 4:50 pm. The Bilkis Bano case served as the theme of the event, which garnered an encouraging response from over 60 participants.

### **STATUROS- INTER- COLLEGIATE GOSPEL FEST**

Members of AICUF SJU, in collaboration with the Catholic Students Association SJU, participated in Staturos, an inter-collegiate gospel fest conducted by Mount Carmel College, Bangalore, on September 30, 2022. Active participation was observed among the students of the SJU contingent, with AICUF members bagging first place for various events like Vernacular, Gospel Beats, Ice Breakers, and Beat Box.





## OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Students visited Vidyaranya Trust, Koramangala, Bangalore, on October 1, 2022, as part of the first outreach programme of the year by AICUF. Volunteers and Council Members, under the leadership of Richard Ruben, Cultural Secretary, conducted food service and cultural events for the children of the orphanage. The event was made memorable by the smiles and joy in the children. Volunteers learnt the importance of sharing and compassion as they spent the day in the company of eager children.

## FLASH MOB & BAND SET- INAUGURATION WEEK

In the lead-up to Inauguration Week, the members of AICUF conducted a flash mob and band performance to promote the association and to invite Josephites to the inaugural ceremony. The events were conducted by the band Trinity as well as various dance teams. The event was made successful by the enthusiastic response from

the audience and the support of the management.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS 2022

The members of AICUF SJU welcomed the spirit of Christmas with a social initiative of decorating a government school. In collaboration with AICUF Karnataka, they visited the site on December 23, 2022, under the leadership of Dr Fr Maxim Diaz, SJ, State Advisor, AICUF. Students of the school were taught the importance of skill-based classes, co-curricular activities, and physical education. The day was filled with carol singing, dances by school children and volunteers, a flash mob by the State Council, with a Santa performance by Richard Ruben, Cultural Secretary. The event left happy memories in the minds of volunteers as they welcomed the spirit of joy of the upcoming Christmas festivities.

## QUIZ COMPETITION

AICUF SJU, under the leadership of Council Members, conducted a quiz competition on the history of the association, on October 02, 2022, at AV Room, PG Block. Set by Hemavathi,

President, 10 teams consisting of four members each battled it out to become the winners. The event was a success with active participation and a good response from participants.

## CHILDREN'S DAY 2022

AICUF volunteers and office bearers celebrated Children's Day on November 14, 2022, by visiting a government school. The volunteers engaged with the children in various activities and games, promoting valuable life skills such as love, sharing, and kindness. The event was a delightful experience for all involved, bringing joy to the children and serving as a reminder of the importance of celebrating Children's Day.

## OUTREACH TO BETTADA HALASURU

AICUF conducted an outreach programme to Bettada Halasuru on April 10 and 11, 2023, under the guidance of Fr Francis D'Almeida, SJ, Campus Director, and Ms Gisa George, Faculty Representative, AICUF. Volunteers were accompanied by Ms Arpita and Mr Salman.



## 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC

### 3RD YEARS FAREWELL

On July 11, 2022, the farewell for the batch of the year 2019-22 was held in Loyola Hall. The event was planned two weeks prior by the second and third-year cadets. The chief guest, ANO Sqn Ldr Dr K Paul Newman, was welcomed along with the gathering. A recap video of the NCC journey of the batch of 2019- 2022 was displayed on the scene, bringing back fond memories. The batch was then addressed by ANO Sqn Ldr Dr K Paul Newman, following which Elizabeth Kuriyakose, CUO Ashna Yadav and CUO Hrishikesh spoke about their journey in NCC. The batch was awarded mementoes following a group song and dance. After the vote of thanks, the event was concluded with refreshments.

### EBSB MYSORE

The Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat Camp 2022 was organised by 3 KAR GIRLS BN NCC, NCC Group Headquarters, Mysore, under the commandship of Group Commander Col R R Menon assisted by Col M K Mishra. The camp was held

from July 12 to July 23, 2022. Camp activities began with an opening address from Col R R Menon, Group Commander, Mysore Group NCC. During the 12-day camp, various activities including 'Mysuru Darshan' for the cadets were organised. A total of 600 cadets participated in the camp, including 150 cadets from North East Region (NER) Directorate, 18 cadets from Goa and 432 cadets from Karnataka. In the EBSB camp, besides military training, cadets were exposed to the culture and traditions of other regions and states, through interpersonal interaction and power-point presentations. Cadets were acquainted with festivals, food, traditional attire, dance, cultural heritage, tourist and historical places etc. Apart from this, skill development training was given by ex-participants of NCC from various parts of the country. Besides this, painting, debate, sports competitions and cultural programmes were also organised. Cadet Kethan P from St Joseph's University attended this esteemed camp. It was an amazing experience of great learning and experience of

visiting the significant sites and interacting with cadets from all over the country and learning about their culture, as per the motive of the camp – Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

On August 15, 2022, the 75th Independence Day was celebrated at St Joseph's University 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC. On this day, the deserving cadets got promoted in a pipping ceremony. The parade started at 8:00 am through a reporting session. The celebrations started at the college ground with a welcome speech and hoisting of the flag. Deserving third-year air wing cadets were promoted to CSUO, CUOs, CWOs, and SGTs, while second-year cadets were promoted to CDT, CPLs, and LFCs. Air wing and armoured wing cadets took part in parades inside the college as well as in drill practice. The parade was dispersed at 5:30 p.m. after the flag was lowered and the NCC song was sung.

### SELECTION DAY

On September 11, 2022, selections were held for the batch





of 2022-25 and were attended by a total of 20 cadets including both second and third years. The cadets reported at 6:15 a.m. near the NCC Office and were briefed about the protocol for the day. Registration began at 6:45 a.m. and a total of 44 aspirants were divided into 4 groups namely Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta. The process began with the conduction of physical tests including a 1600-metre run, situps, pushups and burpees. Further, the candidates were evaluated through group discussions where each group was given two topics to discuss. At 1:00 p.m., the cadets and aspirants broke off for lunch. On returning at 1:45 p.m., the cadets were divided into three panels and interviewed aspirants. The process concluded at 6:00 p.m.

### **BLOOD DONATION CAMP**

On August 8, 2022, a blood donation camp was organised at St Joseph's University by 'Who is Hussain?' a non-profit organisation, with Narayana Health. Blood bank partners were TTK Blood Bank and Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health and Blood Center. The camp was

part of a world record-breaking challenge aiming to collect in excess of 50,000 units of blood across the globe. The donation camp was held at the basketball court of St Joseph's University. A total of 6 cadets of 1 KAR AIR SQN SJU NCC volunteered for this blood donation camp.

### **ALL INDIA VAYU SAINIK CAMP**

On September 23 2022, the cadets arrived at Jodhpur, Rajasthan, to organise cadets' paperwork and assign lodgings to each directorate. The following day, September 24, 2022 was taken up with paperwork and the arrival of another directorate. On September 25, 2022, the DDG Rajasthan directorate, Air Commodore LK Jain and other commanding officers in charge held the opening ceremony and welcome address. This was followed by a flying test conducted for all cadets, including both special subjects and the standard operating procedures (SOP) of their respective aircraft. A .22 firing competition was held on September 26, in which 1 SW and 2 SDs from each directorate participated. The

skeet shooting was scheduled on September 27 but postponed to September 28, 2022 owing to organisational issues. One SD and SW from each directorate attended the event. Every evening was dedicated to cultural practice. An aeromodelling competition, including three different activities, was held on September 29, 2022 and continued on September 30, 2022.

### **EBSB Camp**

The Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat camp 2022 was organised from October 9 to 18, 2022 in collaboration with ISRO, with a theme of Aerospace. It was conducted by 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC, Jakkur under the commandership of Group Captain S. Kundu and the deputy camp commandant as Captain P.F Khan. In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat, the camp was organised and executed with the aim of providing exposure to India's prowess in space. Cadet Corporal Janhavi Sharma from St Joseph's University attended this esteemed camp.



### **EBSB BELLARY**

The Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat-II camp 2023 was organised from January 16 to 27, 2023 by the 38 KAR Battalion, Gadag, in PRTC Toranagallu. The camp aimed to enhance the understanding and bonding between the states, innovate the knowledge of the culture, traditions and practices of different states and hereby strengthen the unity and integrity of India. The main objectives of the camp are to develop leadership skills, enhance the knowledge base and public speaking abilities, peer learning through mutual interaction, foster team spirit, improve soft skills and understand the culture of one's own state and the participating state. Activities such as language classes, presentations on festivals, dances, and songs of the NER directorate and Karnataka Directorate. An EXPA programme too was organised for SDs and SWs, along with an educational tour of the JSW Steel plant and a visit to Hampi. The cadets celebrated republic day at the campsite and had cultural competitions on the same day. Cadets performed various cultural activities representing their own directorates, followed by a closing ceremony.

### **REPUBLIC DAY**

The 74th Republic Day was observed by the cadets of 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC at St Joseph's University on January 26, 2023. The pilots escorted the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, and the ANO of Air Wing, Squadron Leader Dr K Paul Newman, who were both present for the inspection of the contingent that came after. Cadets from the air wing, army wing, the NSS, and the student council made up the contingent. The Vice-Chancellor hoisted the tricolour at the University Ground after which the national anthem was sung by everyone present. The piping ceremony was held after the parade, where cadets were promoted. The dignitaries addressed the contingent with a speech after which all the cadets and students dispersed for breakfast arranged by the university. The Indian flag was guarded by the NCC cadets and was lowered at 6:00 p.m. on the same day, folded, and escorted safely back to the NCC office by the pilots.

### **REPUBLIC DAY CAMP**

CDT/SGT V Sai Subramanian  
CDT/SGT Charan Gowda K R  
from 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC SJU

represented the Karnataka & Goa Directorate at the Republic Day camp held between January 1 to 29, 2023. The selections started in the month of October at the unit level. The first training camp was held in Kolar followed by an Inter-Group Competition in the month of November. Cadets were shortlisted in this camp for the next three pre-Republic Day training camps. The hard work and efforts of the cadets paid off when they reported to the DG NCC Cantt. in New Delhi on December 31, 2022. They visited the Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari's house for a tea party as well as attended similar events with the Defence Minister of India, Defence Secretary of India, Chief Of Defence Staff and Chief of Naval Staff during the camp. On January 28, 2022 they took part in the Prime Minister's Rally. The cadets also interacted with officers of the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force as well as attended cultural programmes.

### **AERO Show**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 13, 2023 inaugurated the five-day Aero India 2023 with the theme 'The runway to a billion opportunities' at the India Air Force station at Yelahanka, in Bengaluru, to showcase India's growth in aerospace and defence capabilities. The focus of Aero India 2023 will be on displaying indigenous equipment/technologies and forging partnerships with foreign companies, in line with 'Make in India, Make for the World' vision. The cadets of 1 KAR AIR SQN were given the opportunity to witness the AERO SHOW on the 15th of February. They were asked to





report to the Jakkur Aerodrome by 9.50 a.m and were then taken to the Yelahanka Air Force Station. Sarang Display Team had just started showboarding their helicopter skills making formation with white smoke released by the aircrafts. This was the first edition of Aero India where the world's stealthiest aircraft Lockheed Martin F-35 performed in the air show. The air show also involved exhibition of the might of various other renowned military aircraft like F-16 Falcon, LCA Tejas, LCH Prachand and Dakota. The helicopter air display team of the IAF Sarang and the aerobatic display team of the IAF Surya Kiran also performed in this air show. The air show was later followed by an orientation on career opportunities in the IAF by the officers of the force and cadets visited the Museum of the Air Force Station. This air show gave a memorable experience and some knowledge of military aviation.

### Unit Skeet Shooting

On the 1st of March, 2023, 11 Cadets of 1 KAR AIR SQN SJU, reported to Unit, at Jakkur Aerodrome, at 9:00 am. The

cadets conducted the cleaning of the microlights stationed at the aerodrome. Cadets were also briefed about how to use fire extinguishers and handle situations during fire accidents. DDG Air Commodore B S Kanwar, arrived for inspection at the unit, received by Captain P F Khan and AO Squadron leader Tanya Srinivas. The cadets had an opportunity to hold the double barrel 12 gauge shotgun and were briefed about the functioning, cleaning and the procedure for skeet shooting. The cadets put on an excellent display of marksmanship, by landing multiple hits and kills on the range for skeet shooting with the double barrel 12 Gauge shotgun, despite the unfavourable weather conditions, such as wind speed, faulty cartridges. Cadets got an opportunity to dry run the drill for skeet shooting and cleaning procedures, after which, cadets were given Visarjan.

### IDSSC Selections

IDSSC selections were held at the Parachute Regiment Training Centre. It was a two-day selection process. The cadets reported at 08:00 am at the PRTC. The cantor with the

target sheet, frames, .22 rifles and ammunition also reached by 08:30 am.

The target sheet was placed at a distance of 25 yards. On day 1, the cadets got three attempts, i.e. 3 target sheets with 5 rounds each, whereas, on day 2, two attempts were given with the same 5 rounds each. On the first day, only one first year cadet from SJU attended and got the second-best grouping amongst the group. On the second day, 5 first and second year cadets tried their hands out and the best result on day 2 was 4.6 cm.

One cadet each from first and second year got selected from 1 KAR AIR SQN to compete amongst others selected from Bangalore 'B' Group.

### Skeet Shooting

The Cadets of 1 KAR AIR SQN, SJU participated in skeet shooting selections for All India Vayu Sainik Camp, on March 6, 2023, at Unit HQ, Jakkur Aerodrome, Bengaluru. The cadets reported to the unit at 6:00 am where they were briefed about the double barrel gun, the trap machine, and basics of skeet shooting. Each cadet was then given 3 rounds for shooting. The cadets who got either a hit or a kill, were given 2 extra rounds. Even though the cadets were introduced to skeet shooting for the first time, they successfully followed the instructions by the instructors without any inconveniences and gave their best in each round. These selections gave the cadets a good experience and opportunity of skeet shooting and also inspired the cadets to get selected for the All India Vayu Sainik Camp.

## Blood Donation Drive

The Cadets of 1 KAR AIR SQN SJU on March 9, 2023 volunteered in organizing the Blood Donation Camp conducted by Department of Immuno Hematology (Blood Centre), Victoria Hospital, Bengaluru in St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

The Cadets reported to the senior in charge who assigned them tasks. They were asked to go to classrooms around the college to inform and remind the students that the blood donation drive has commenced and encourage them to donate blood. The Cadets were then assigned to prepare the appreciation certificates for the donors and also helped maintain the decorum and guide them.

The drive concluded at 05:00 pm after which the cadets helped pack the equipment. This blood donation camp gave a clear orientation on administering large events of this kind.

## Welcoming of the new CO of 1KAR AIR SQN NCC

New journey brings new excitements, new experiences and new challenges and to take on these challenges we need someone to guide us all the way up.

The post of the commanding officer of 1 KARNATAKA AIR SQUADRON NCC was taken over by Wing Commander PR Ponnappa. 14 first year Cadets with 7 second year cadets of 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC, SJU with other cadets of the unit were present to welcome our new CO on March 9, 2023.

All the Cadets reported at Jakkur Aerodrome at 6:20 am and began the preparations for the ceremony. Wing Commander PR Ponnappa arrived at 8:15 am and was first welcomed by the guard team of

SJU cadets and was escorted to the podium by the pilots. Wing Commander PR Ponnappa addressed the parade with his encouraging words. A tea party was hosted where our new CO interacted with the PI Staff, ANO's, Civilian Staff and the cadets and motivated them to reach greater heights. All the cadets cleared the stage and set everything aside for the next event and were safely back home by noon.

## Achievements

Cadet Sergeant (CDT/SGT) Manjunath N represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the All India Vayu Sainik Camp, in 2022. He was part of the tent pitching, line area, drill contingent and flying competitions. He was the top scorer in the flying competition.

Cadet Corporal (CDT/CPL) Janhavi Sharma represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Aerospace Camp 2022. This was the first edition of the EBSB camp partnered up with ISRO and HAL. She was recognised as an exemplary cadet by the DDG for her active participation in realising the development and launch of Indian satellites.

Cadet Sergeant (CDT/SGT) Vathsala T M represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the All India Vayu Sainik Camp 2022. She was part of the line area, drill contingent, and flying and skeet shooting competitions. Initially a range firer, she advanced her way to becoming the only SW cadet to represent Karnataka & Goa Directorate at the national level skeet shooting for AIVSC 2022.

Cadet Sergeant (CDT/SGT) Tharun M R represented the

Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the All India Vayu Sainik Camp 2022. He was part of the tent pitching, line area and flying competitions. He won first place in the health & hygiene competition at the directorate level.

Cadet Sergeant (CDT/SGT) Leiyapam Kashak represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the All India Vayu Sainik Camp 2022. He was part of the drill contingent, 0.22 range firing and flying competitions. He was among the only two SDs to represent Karnataka & Goa Directorate in .22 firing competitions at the national level for AIVSC 2022.

Cadet Sergeant (CDT/SGT) Kethan P represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Camp.

Leading Flight Cadet (LFC) Thomas Rino represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Camp 2023. Cadets from the North Eastern Regions and the Karnataka & Goa Directorate attended the camp and performed various activities enhancing the cultural exchange among the cadets.

Cadet Sergeant (CDT/SGT) V Sai Subramanian represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the Republic Day Camp 2023. He is the All-India Best Cadet gold medalist (air wing, SD). He is an excellent 0.22 firer and proficient in academics and extracurricular activities.

Cadet Sergeant (CDT/SGT) Charan Gowda K R represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the Republic Day Camp 2023. He is one of the only two SD cadets from 1 Karnataka Air Squadron attending this prestigious camp in 2023. He is an excellent 0.22 firer.





## NSS UNIT I

### WALKATHON

On the occasion of World Standards Day, the Bureau of Indian Standards paid tribute to the collaborative efforts of experts worldwide who develop voluntary technical agreements published as International Standards by conducting a Walkathon, a quality run, on October 16, 2022, at 8:00 am from Bangalore Palace to Vidhana Soudha. About 80 to 100 students participated in this event hosted by the NSS Cell of SJU. Participants were provided with shirts, caps, badges, water and refreshments, ambulance service and medical assistance. Volunteers from all five units, including 20 to 25 volunteers from Unit 1, also took part in the event.

### NSS FESTIVAL

University of Mysore, in collaboration with the National Service Scheme Cell and CREDIT-I organisation, celebrated the fifteenth year of meritorious service of the Mysore CREDIT-I organisation

on October 29, 2022, by organising the NSS Festival. This auspicious day was celebrated by honouring achievers who have made unprecedented contributions. Various state-level literary and cultural programmes were organised for the event. The competitions organised were Janapada Group Dance, Janapada Singing, and Speech Competition. Winners were awarded cash prizes along with medals and certificates while volunteers who participated were awarded participation certificates. Selected volunteers from each unit also took part in the event.

### KOTI KANTA GAYANA

Koti Kanta Gayana was held at Kanteerava Stadium on October 28, 2022, at 11:00 am to commemorate Kannada Rajyotsava. The event was organised by the Department of Kannada and Culture Gok in partnership with the NSS Unit. Nearly 200 volunteers took part in this programme representing

NSS Unit 1 and the NSS Cell of SJU. Participants sang songs and took the pledge,

“ಕನ್ನಡ ನಾಡಿನ ಪ್ರಜೆಯಾಗಿ ನಾನು ನನ್ನ ದೇಶ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾತುಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರೀತಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಗೌರವಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ನಾನು ಕನ್ನಡದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತನಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ, ಕನ್ನಡದಲ್ಲಿ ಬರೆಯುತ್ತೇನೆ, ಕನ್ನಡವನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಬಳಸುತ್ತೇನೆ ಎಂದು ನಾನು ಬಾಜಿ ಕಟ್ಟುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಕನ್ನಡ ನಾಡು, ನುಡಿ, ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ, ಪರಂಪರೆ ಉಳಿಸುವ ಸಂಕಲ್ಪ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಕನ್ನಡ ನಾಡಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಕನ್ನಡೇತರ ಬಾಂಧವರಿಗೆ ಕನ್ನಡ ಕಲಿಸುವ ಸಂಕಲ್ಪ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ”

### INAUGURATION CEREMONY

The Inaugural and Badging Ceremonies for newly elected committee members of NSS Units 1 and 2 were held on October 31, 2022, at 12 pm. The event was conducted offline at Xavier Hall, PG Block. The Chief Guest was Ms Santa Sylvia, founder of Hope Nest, and Mr Selwyn Paul, NSS Programme Coordinator. The event saw an unprecedented response with over 200 volunteers taking part in it.



### **VOLUNTEERS GOT TALENT**

Volunteers Got Talent was conducted to bring out the best talents among our volunteers through competition. It was held on November 5, 2022, from 1 pm to 3 pm at Aloysius Hall and De Nobili Hall. Among the cultural activities, more than six were conducted offline on campus. More than 60 volunteers showcased their talents and took part actively. The events conducted were dancing, singing, stand up comedy, instrument, and so on.

### **WALKATHON**

In collaboration with the Election Commission of India, a walkathon was organised to add names to the Voter List and create awareness about voting. The National Voter Awareness Contest by the Election Commission of India's SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) programme taps into the talent and inventiveness of young people, while also strengthening democracy through their active involvement. Accessible to all age groups, it aims at celebrating ideas and content curated on the theme of the importance of every

single vote in a democracy. The event was held on November 09, 2022, at 6:30 am from the Cubbon Park Main Gate, Hudson Circle and ended at 8 am at Bala Bhavan Front End with breakfast for participants.

### **A TALE OF TWO ELEPHANTS**

The forests of Southern India are critical for the conservation of many threatened large mammals, but they have high-density human populations. Situated in the Eastern Ghats, the Bannerghatta National Park (BNP) protects roughly 256 sq km and is just 22 km south of Bangalore, India's third most populous city. It is part of the country's largest scrub forests and is a critical landscape as it connects to larger forest tracts in the South, providing an undisturbed link between the Eastern and Western Ghats. Community is essential to conservation, and therefore, there is a requirement for sensitization and collaboration among local key factions. A Rocha India's conservation programmes are largely based on mitigation measures reducing the threat of human-animal conflict in the highly fragmented landscape of the Bannerghatta National Park.

About 25 volunteers visited A Rocha India First Field Study on November 12, 2022, to take part in an orientation programme and listen to researchers share their field experiences working with elephants. Conservation in India depends upon the support of future generations. Such education programmes are based on a hands-on approach to understanding the reality and challenges facing our natural heritage. The Kasseruppe Field Study Centre is a fully functional rustic house set amidst the local community where one can enjoy getting away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

### **NSS CELL INAUGURAL CEREMONY**

The 53rd Inaugural Ceremony of all five units of the NSS was held on November 19, 2022, at 3 pm. The event was conducted offline at the University Auditorium. The Chief Guest of the event was Dr Shalini Rajneesh, IAS. The event was also graced by Shri Prathap Lingaiah, GoK, Shri YM Uppin, GoI, and Mr Selwyn Paul, NSS Programme Coordinator. The event was met with great success with more than 500 volunteers taking part in it.

### **NATIONAL CONSTITUTION DAY**

On November 26, 2022, the Loyola Hall hosted a seminar featuring guest speaker Mr Vasanth, Advocate, Karnataka High Court, who discussed various aspects of the Indian Constitution and the fundamental rights of its citizens. Mr Vasanth highlighted the recent amendments made to the Indian Constitution and the contemporary challenges



they pose to modern India. He also spoke of the challenges of money and muscle power and the importance of nurturing secularism and linguistic pluralism. The purpose of fundamental rights is to establish the rule of law and protect individual dignity. The seminar also addressed challenges to fundamental rights, including lack of information, adjustments that comply with the wrong, no critical thinking in choosing representatives, decriminalisation on the basis of religion, privatisation in government, and citizens not casting their votes or using NOTA. Mr Thakur spoke about the politics of defections and the state intervening in interstate freedom of religion. He stressed that freedom of religion is a progressive and liberal area. The event was successful, with 25 volunteers participating.

### **NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK**

The volunteers were welcomed for the first session of the new semester on January 16, 2023 in Loyola Hall. The first year volunteers were then briefed about SEC classes and their questions were answered. After that, the 75 volunteers were divided into 12 teams for a group activity. A few sub topics were chosen based on the qualities of youth: communication, education, patience, self control, motivation/self esteem, mental health, dreams, responsibility, leadership, volunteering, positive thinking and teamwork. Each team was supposed to choose one leader from their group and the selected leaders had to pick-up three chits from



a box. 12 words were divided amongst three chits. For example, 'communication' was divided into three chits (words) i. e., communication. The leaders were supposed to choose three chits from the box to solve the puzzle. The teams were given a role play based on the word that they solved. If team 1 solved the puzzle 'communication,' they had to do a role play on communication. Each team had to perform for 4+1 minutes. Additionally, to give a better understanding on the importance of communication, a game of chinese whisper was conducted. A balloon and straw activity where a balloon had to be passed using a straw was held to give a better understanding about teamwork. This event was conducted to educate and develop the importance of youth skills.

### **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES**

This was the first SEC class for the Wednesday batch volunteers. Mr Leander was incharge of the event conducted from 1:30 pm to 4:15 pm on January 18, 2022 in Loyola Hall. The volunteers were welcomed and told about the importance of SEC classes. Then, the session started where the emcee, Mr Leo, introduced

the topic to the 70 volunteers. He divided the volunteers into groups of eight to nine. Each group selected its team leader and a name for the group. The leaders had to blow and burst a balloon to reveal their topic. This game was organised like a treasure hunt, where the leaders had to hunt for their topics. The group members had to prepare charts based on the government schemes in the given topic. A short seminar by Ms Akkai Padmashali, Indian Activist, was also held. She gave a short speech for 10 minutes and the programme officer honoured the guest speaker. After the speech, each group presented their chart in front of all the volunteers. At the end of the event, the charts were collected by the members and the programme was completed by taking attendance.

### **DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING**

The Monday batch students and the volunteers of second and third years attended the event. The event was held on January 23, 2022 in the basement of Loyola Hall auditorium from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. The emcee, Mr Sagar, welcomed 70 volunteers and introduced the topic.



There were a few general questions asked. Then, the volunteers were divided into groups of seven. The volunteers were asked to make creative bookmarks with slogans and drawings. All the volunteers enjoyed this activity. The best bookmark was selected from each group by the staff incharge to be displayed on the notice board. For the remaining bookmarks, volunteers were asked to go around the university, explain the event to someone and give them the bookmark. The volunteers were given 15 minutes to finish their task. Once all the volunteers had reassembled, the emcee explained the role of UNODC in the world and played two videos related to drug awareness. A few important announcements were made and the session was concluded by taking attendance of the volunteers present. The volunteers were also taught the NSS clap.

### **UNITY IN DIVERSITY**

This was the fourth event of this semester. It was held on January 25, 2022 in Loyola Hall from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. The event was planned and executed to celebrate unity in diversity. The volunteers were welcomed for the 4th SEC session. The topic of the day was introduced to the volunteers. The volunteers were first divided into seven groups for a short nonverbal

activity where the group members were given a single coconut broom stick and they had to pick up a ball kept in the middle of a circle by working together. It was an interesting activity. Then to start the real task of the day, the volunteers were shuffled again. The group representative had to share a chocolate with everyone and get back to the emcee to reveal their topic. After everyone's topic was given, they were asked to prepare a skit. The time limit was 20 minutes. The attendance was taken while the groups were presenting their skits.

### **REPUBLIC DAY**

The NSS volunteers, NCC cadets and other associations' members and facilities were part of the Republic day programme organised on January 26, 2022 in the university grounds. The volunteers were asked to assemble on the ground by 8:00 am. At 8:55 am, protocol officers escorted the dignitaries to the venue. The Vice - Chancellor inspected NSS and NCC units. The event began by unfurling the national flag while the national anthem was sung. Then, the Vice - Chancellor administered the national pledge. Various officials and student leaders greeted the dignitaries after which the piping ceremony was held wherein the Vice - Chancellor

conferred ranks on selected NCC cadets. Afterwards, both the Pro - Chancellor and Vice - Chancellor addressed the gathering. The dignitaries were escorted back after the national salute. All the NSS and NCC units took group photographs and breakfast was arranged for them. NSS and NCC special duty took position. At 6:00 pm, the protocol officer lowered the national flag and escorted it back to a safe place.

### **MARTYRS' DAY**

Martyrs' Day or Shaheed Diwas is observed in India on several dates. March 23 is remembered as the day when Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru, and Sukhdev Thapar, were hanged to death by the British government. January 30 is observed as Martyrs' Day or Shaheed Diwas in memory of Mahatma Gandhi. 70 volunteers were present to celebrate the event on January 30, 2022 from 1:30 to 3:45 pm in the auditorium basement. The volunteers had two different activities, which were drawing the freedom fighters and face painting. All the unit one volunteers exhibited active participation. The first hour was for introduction and sketching of the freedom fighters and the second hour was for face painting where interesting outcomes were seen from talented artists.





## NSS UNIT 2

### WALKATHON

Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, organised a walkathon from Bangalore Palace to Vidhana Soudha on October 16, 2022, to commemorate World Standards Day. The Bureau of Indian Standards established IS 10500: 2012 as the standard quality of drinking water in India. Since 1955, the ISI mark has served as a standard compliance mark for industrial products in India. The mark certifies that a product complies with an Indian standard (IS) developed by India's national standards body, the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). The volunteers were asked to include their names in the volunteers list and provide their contact details with their signature, when they arrived at Bangalore Palace. The volunteers were given an ISI-branded water bottle. The volunteers were briefed on the event by the organisers. They were also informed about fake ISI symbols on utensils. The event commenced at around 10:00 am. The final venue

(Vidhana Soudha) was cancelled as the permission from the minister had not been obtained. The volunteers were instructed to return to Bangalore Palace on foot and the event concluded at 10:35 am. Breakfast was provided to the volunteers. The volunteers gained information on the concept of ISI marks and how product qualities are lowered due to businesses using fake marks. This event was conducted to increase awareness about water usage.

### KOTI KANTA GAYANA

The Karnataka government hosted 'Koti Kanta Gayana,' on the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava, on October 28, 2022 from 11 am. A goal was set to achieve a world record by involving one million volunteers in the programme. The volunteers were informed on the importance of language and to understand its significance. Songs about Karnataka and Kannada were sung as part of the programme. All the volunteers left the University at 10:22 am and arrived at Kanteerva Stadium by 10:40 am. A few volunteers were

given Karnataka flags. Everyone present in the stadium were given cookies and vegetable puffs. The programme began at 11:00 am. Six songs of five minutes each were sung:

1. State Anthem
2. Udayavagali Namma Cheluva Kannada Nadu
3. Barisu Kannada Dindimava
4. Hacchevu Kannada Deepa
5. Vishwavinutana Vidyachetana
6. Huttidi Kannadali Nadalli Utdi Udali Nadu

The six Kannada songs were sung at the same time by more than a thousand people. The programme concluded at 11:40 am. The volunteers' attendance was tracked by scanning their ID cards before and after the event. A photo shoot was held with the NSS coordinator and volunteers present. The NSS unit left the stadium at 12:15 pm and arrived at university at 12:35 pm. This event was conducted to create an awareness about Kannada and the Karnataka Rajyotsava.



## NSS FESTIVAL, MYSORE

Credit-I, in collaboration with Mysore University, organised the NSS festival to celebrate the organisation's 15 years of meritorious service. Several state level interuniversity literary and cultural competitions were held. St Joseph's University provided 11 volunteers. Mr Prasad accompanied the volunteers when they left Bengaluru at 5:00 am on Saturday, October 29, 2022. The team arrived in Mysore at 8:25 am. They went to Kala Mandira after breakfast where they were briefed on the competitions. Following the briefing session, volunteers from all universities headed to the respective venues where the competitions were being held. Nine volunteers participated in Janapada Singing held in NSS Bhavan. Eight volunteers took part in Janapada Dance that was held at Lalitha Kala Mandira and two volunteers participated in the Janapada speech competition at NSS Bhavan. The volunteers were served lunch at 1:30 pm once the competitions had concluded. A two hour mono-act was performed by a Mysore university. Following the drama performance, a valedictory programme was held in which the Janapada competition winners were announced. Karnataka Kanmani awards were

also presented to achievers from rural backgrounds. Bhumika, a student of St Joseph's University, Bangalore won third place in the Janapada singing competition along with a cash prize of Rs. 2000. The programme concluded at 7:00 pm after which the team left Mysore at 8:00 pm. The volunteers reached Bangalore at 11 pm along with the Assistant Programme officer. This event was a competition conducted to explore the volunteers' talents.

## ORIENTATION AND INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The National Service Scheme Unit one and two began the academic year 2022 on October 31, 2022, with the inauguration and orientation of both units. The event began at 12:00 pm with a welcome speech. The lamp was lit by the guests of the day, Ms Santa Sylvia, founder of Hope Nest, NGO and Mr Selwyn Paul J, NSS programme coordinator, accompanied by Dr Hanumantharayapa, Department of Kannada, and Ms Raj Kiran, Department of Commerce. A video presentation was shown to depict the history, evolution, activities, and various camps held, as well as the impact of the exposure gained by the camps. Ms Santa Sylvia, the honourable

guest, spoke about service, its impacts on students, and how students should positively respond to situations. She also encouraged the students, volunteers, faculty, and the rest of the audience to take an oath with the goal of serving and catering to the nation's well-being. Mr Selwyn Paul J discussed NSS policies for the fiscal year 2022-23, and held an interactive session with volunteers about NSS and their personal perspectives. Whereafter, the new office bearers or council members of each unit took charge of their respective units. Ms Raj Kiran, Programme Officer Unit two, administered the oath, and the units were assigned to their respective designations. The event concluded with the volunteers' vote of thanks.

## NATIONAL UNITY DAY

The National Service Scheme unit one and two hosted National Unity Day on October 31st at 12:00 pm. The aim was to bring awareness of unity among people. Ms Santa Sylvia, founder of Hope Nest, NGO was the chief guest for the event. Ms Sylvia welcomed the students and gave them a brief introduction about herself. She talked about the social service schemes conducted by her for the society and led the event by explaining how she got into the field of social services. Ms Sylvia shared the fact that she was bad at studies but she pursued a degree in social work. She wanted to help people around her. In doing so, she realised her duty was to serve the people. Later she recounted the discrimination faced by her due to her dark skin which led to a campaign promoting equality based on skin colours. She gradually founded her NGO "Hope Nest." She advised everyone to extend their selfless services. Following that,



she gave a brief introduction about unity and quoted, “Like than individually, results are always better when done together.” She meant to expound on how strength lay in unity. She encouraged students, faculty, volunteers and the audience to serve people without expecting any return. The celebration was held to create an awareness on the ideas of staying together and uplifting society. This event helped volunteers understand the importance of a service mentality and was a great opportunity to deepen bonds by bringing people together.

### QUIZETON

NSS unit two held ‘QUIZETON’ on November 5, 2022, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. This test’s major message was to show “the measure of intelligence is the ability to change”. QUIZETON was conducted for students to showcase their skills and the knowledge that they possess. This was the first online webinar of the semester after the college was officially announced as a university, under the guidance of Vinay M, University Representative, unit two. The speaker for the programme was Ms Veena Nirmala from the Mathematics department. A quiz based on Karnataka and NSS followed the webinar. During the webinar, Ms Veena offered a thorough explanation of the creation and operation of the NSS as well as the state of Karnataka. She also gave a brief explanation of the NSS logo. She insisted that the volunteers must act responsibly and with discipline in order to portray themselves as effective volunteers. The webinar was bilingual, having the essence of both Kannada and English, which made it a bit difficult to understand at the beginning, but with time, it



got easier because of the slides displayed in the background. Attendance was taken towards the end. The volunteers were asked to fill up a google form containing a short test based on what was discussed in the webinar. The quiz consisted of 30 questions, with 10 questions about Karnataka. The rest of the questions were about NSS and its history. Even though it was an online event, it was a very successful event.

### WALKATHON

In collaboration with the Election Commission of India, a walkathon was organised to spread awareness about adding names to the Voter List and about voting. Volunteers were called on to participate in the event and create awareness. The walkathon began from Cubbon Park Main Gate, Hudson Circle, followed by Central Library, Karnataka High Court, Vidhana Soudha, Press Club, and finally ended at Bala Bhavan Front End. Participants were briefed on the vote before the start of the event. The speaker addressed the gathering and said that the right to vote is one of the fundamental rights of every citizen of our country. He also mentioned that many still did not know how to apply for a Voter’s ID. Participants enjoyed spreading awareness about voting with the help of placards and posters. They also

learnt the importance of the right to vote and that it is the duty of every citizen to take part in the voting process. Participants were served refreshments at the end of the event.

### BEST OUT OF WASTE

Best Out Of Waste was held on November 10, 2022, from 1 pm to 3 pm under the leadership of Amrutha M. It is a craft which follows environmental-friendly principles and creates useful objects out of waste products. Participants were given an hour to create anything that was the best out of waste, after which the final objects were displayed. Participants used their imagination and creativity to make innovative objects using bangles, plastic bottles, CDs, and so on. Things which are seen as waste in our day-to-day lives were used in a constructive manner and a variety of items were made from them. Ms Raj Kiran CA, the Staff-in-Charge of the event, oversaw the creative preparations of the participants. Mr Ebenezer Wilson, Department of Statistics, was the judge for the event.

Participants were judged based on their creativity, design, and presentation. The event saw volunteers explore their creative talent as they used their artistic ability to save the environment.



### **CLEANLINESS DRIVE**

The Cleanliness Drive was conducted on November 11, 2022, to create an opportunity for volunteers to assist in the daily running of the college premises. About 30 volunteers from all units took part in the event, who were then divided into groups. Volunteers cleared the Store Room, College Basement, where groups were assigned to arrange files in the Admin Office and arrange tables, chairs, and other office furniture. They also assisted in the segregation of useful items and scrap materials. Volunteers were provided refreshments and lunch. They were able to spend a day in the shoes of the hardworking non-teaching staff and understand their duties.

### **CREATE AND REFLECT**

Create and Reflect was conducted on November 15, 2022, from 12 pm to 3 pm in the Auditorium Basement. Many NSS volunteers participated in this event. As the name suggests, participants had to create posters and perform skits based on the topic given on the spot. Groups were created on the spot and their representatives were given topics. Seven groups were created that were given

topics ranging from caste-based discrimination and gender discrimination to child labour. Participants were given 30 minutes to complete their posters and 10 minutes to discuss their skits. Ms Raj Kiran CA was in attendance and witnessed the event, appreciating the participants for addressing their topics creatively. The fun-filled event encouraged volunteers to discover their hidden talents, through which they became aware of important subjects like discrimination.

### **WALKATHON**

A walkathon was organised on November 17, 2022, from 7 am to 9 am at Kanteerava Stadium by the National Service Scheme (NSS), in collaboration with the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, the Indian Red Cross Society, and other like-minded organisations. The event was conducted to spread awareness about traffic rules, regulations, and road safety among the general public on the occasion of Road Accident Prevention Day. Nearly 100 students of SJU took part in the awareness drive, out of which 20 students from NSS Unit 2 took part. Many other schools and colleges in Bangalore also took

part in the event. The rally began from Kanteerava Stadium Main Gate and passed by Cubbon Park, Chinnaswamy Stadium, and Vidhana Soudha. Participants held placards and banners on road safety and traffic rules and spread awareness among the public. Volunteers were served refreshments at the end of the event. The event was met with success and became a moment of learning for all the volunteers as they showed their social skills and proved to be responsible citizens of India.

### **INAUGURAL CEREMONY**

On November 19, 2022, the NSS Cell conducted the Inauguration Ceremony of the National Service Scheme. The event commenced at 3 pm with a Welcome Speech by Ms Raj Kiran CA, Unit 2 Programme Officer. The event was graced with the presence of honourable Chief Guests Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Pro - Vice Chancellor, Shri Prathap Lingaiah, NSS State Officer of Karnataka, and Shri YM Uppin, Youth Officer of the Government of Karnataka. They were cordially welcomed by Mr Selwyn Paul J, NSS Programme Coordinator. The guests then inaugurated the significant event with the lighting of the lamp and untying of the banner of the NSS Cell. Shri Lingaiah highlighted the importance of service in a student's life and gave insights on how NSS has been inculcated in the educational syllabus to encourage students to engross themselves in the service of society on a larger scale. He also enriched the gathering with many facts about NSS and the nation. Shri Uppin congratulated the





NSS at St Joseph's University for completing 53 successful years, right from the establishment of the organisation in the nation in 1969. He gave insights about how NSS would help in the personal and social development of students through rural camps, surveys, and so on. He also highlighted that it helped in encouraging students to do more for society. Dr Mascarenhas shared different instances when he could sense the fire of social service lighting up and its impact not only at a personal level but also on society as a whole. He also shared valuable quotes which created a great impact on the volunteers. The event came to an end with a Vote of Thanks by Mr Prashanth, Unit Programme Officer, where he thanked the honourable Guests and Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice - Chancellor, the Programme Officers of all Units, teaching and non-teaching staff, and volunteers.

### **NATIONAL CONSTITUTION DAY (QUIZ)**

An online quiz to be taken by volunteers was arranged by Council Members to commemorate National Constitution Day on November 26, 2022. Volunteers were addressed by Members before

being given instructions to be followed during the quiz, conducted using google forms. A competitive spirit filled the air as participants took part in the quiz with attention. Volunteers were left with an enriching and enlightening experience after the quiz came to a close.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**

NSS volunteers came together to celebrate Human Rights Day on December 10, 2022, from 3:30 pm to 7 pm at the Indian Social Institute, Benson Town. The Chief Guest addressed the gathering about the importance of commemorating this day. Volunteers also took part in various activities arranged by the NSS Committee like dance, singing, and skits based on the theme of the day, with the winners taking home prizes. Refreshments were also served to all participants. As the event came to a successful ending, volunteers lit candles and prayed for a better tomorrow for our nation.

### **WALKATHON**

"WALKATHON" was held on February 01, 2023. Volunteers from St Joseph's University NSS attended the Gandhi Smarana Gandhi Naman programme in

Vidhana Soudha Bangalore, which was conducted by the government of Karnataka. During the programme, the volunteers listened to the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Basavaraj Bommai, speak about the life and values of Mahatma Gandhi and his achievements. In his speech, CM Basavaraj Bommai praised Mahatma Gandhi as a great humanitarian whose life was filled with truth and real patriotism. He stated that Gandhi was the only soul who truly represented India all over the world, and that it was thanks to him that the whole universe began to treat India with respect after democracy was established following World War II. The Chief Minister emphasised the importance of remembering Gandhi's values and teachings, such as non-violence, and urged people to focus on the good things that he stood for. He also spoke about how Gandhi's life had everything - reformation, making mistakes, admitting them, correction, insult, determination, and at last victory. Overall, the remembrance of Mahatma Gandhi is an essential event for volunteers who seek inspiration from his teachings and strive to make the world a better place.

## CLEANLINESS DRIVE

On February 01, 2023, NSS UNIT-2 held a cleanliness drive to create awareness on cleanliness. Volunteers were given manual items and taken out of the campus. They were split into two major groups and taken to a nearby post office and a park respectively. The post office was cleaned, swept, and wiped; racks were cleaned and messed-up things were arranged in their places. Volunteers even built a wall using the stones which were looking bad. Another group was taken to a park and made to clean in and out of the park. They also picked up dry leaves, plastic (bag, paper, bottle) to maintain the appearance and hygiene of the park, protect the environment and wildlife that live there, and provide an attractive environment for visitors. The volunteers also encouraged community engagement in park maintenance and improvement projects. Clean parks help to prevent the spread of disease and ensure the safety of park visitors. The event was a success with 25 volunteers taking part in it.

### National Integration Camp (Mysore)

A group of students from various states gathered at the NSS Bhavan Mysuru for a six-day event. The opening ceremony was inaugurated by the officials of the University of Mysuru. The students were divided into teams named after various rivers: Ganga, Yamuna, Kaveri, Sindhu, Brahmaputra & Kapila. The first day was filled with activities such as a special lecture on Personality



Development, and a group song performed by the volunteers from Tamil Nadu. The second day saw a fitness class, lecture on Blood Cancer Awareness, and solo singing competition. On the third day, the students explored Mysore, visiting the Chamundeshwari Temple, Mahabaleshwar Temple, Mysore Palace, and the regional museum of Natural History. On the fourth day, the students explored the University of Mysore. Group singing competition and a special lecture on Youth & Swami Vivekananda were conducted. The fifth day saw preparations for group dance competition and a special lecture on Gandhian thoughts. On the final day, a special lecture on the Importance of National Integration was conducted, followed by the event of ShubiraJothi. The event was concluded by paying homage to Mother India.

### Food for Needy & Health and Well-Being

NSS UNIT-2 Held "FOOD FOR NEEDY & HEALTH AND WELL-BEING" in February 2023. The objective of the event was to help those who

are struggling to find food and to spread awareness about the issue of hunger and poverty. This helped volunteers to go out and know how many are in need for food and starve for their daily basic meal. Volunteers were told to prepare food in their own house and we were told to attach pictures of them giving away the food for the needy people. The team made sure that the food was hygienic, nutritious and sufficient for the people in need. We also provided clean water to everyone who came to the. Activity was held on health and wellbeing. The objective of the event was to promote healthy living, raise awareness about various health issues, and provide free health screenings and consultations to the public. Volunteers were split into groups on the spot and we were given chits for choosing their topic related to health and wellbeing. Volunteers were spread across the campus to make a reel and gather necessary information required for their video. Volunteers were asked to make a video on the topic given to them. Volunteers submitted the



reel/ video which was done as a part of their activity. Through videos volunteers learned the necessary information. The event was then concluded with a vote of thanks to our Vice-Chancellor Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ, NSS Executive Officer Mr Selwyn, NSS Unit 2 Programme Office Ms Raj Kiran CA.

### **Menstrual Myths**

The NSS UNIT-2 organised an event called “MENSTRUAL MYTHS” on February 08, 2023, to promote accurate information about menstruation and raise awareness about the negative impact of menstrual myths on women’s health. The event aimed to break down stigmas surrounding menstruation and promote policy change for menstrual equity. A brief introduction on menstruation was given to the volunteers, followed by a video highlighting the menstrual myths that prevail in society. The speakers addressed common menstrual myths, such as the idea that menstrual blood is dirty or impure, menstrual pain is normal and should be endured, and women should not engage in certain activities while menstruating. The attendees were encouraged to seek medical attention for menstrual pain or unusual symptoms. They were also encouraged to break down stigmas and promote open conversations about menstruation. During the open conversation, volunteers shared their experiences, and many boys were called up to eradicate taboos and stigmas among the community. The

event concluded with a question-and-answer session and a vote of thanks. Overall, the event successfully achieved its aim of breaking down stigmas surrounding menstruation and promoting accurate information about menstrual health.

### **First Aid Awareness**

NSS UNIT-2 held a first aid awareness campaign aimed at promoting safety and health in the community. The event was organised in collaboration with UNIT-1. The event started with a brief introduction on the importance of first aid and how it can save lives. This was followed by a series of presentations and demonstrations by professional first aid trainers on the basic first aid techniques and procedures. Three major problems were demonstrated as per the request of volunteers - heart attack, suicide and fainting. Volunteers were told the importance of the golden hour. If you suspect someone is having a heart attack, call for emergency medical services right away. In the meantime, have the person sit down and rest in a comfortable position. Loosen any tight clothing, such as a collar or belt. First aid can make the difference between life and death in an emergency situation. Prompt and effective first aid can stabilise a person’s condition and prevent further harm. First aid can help to reduce the severity of injuries and minimize the risk of complications. This can lead to faster recovery times and better outcomes for the person affected. The event was then concluded with a vote of thanks to our Vice -

Chancellor, Rev Fr Dr Victor Lobo SJ, NSS Executive Officer, Mr Selwyn, NSS Unit 2 Programme Office Ms Raj Kiran CA.

### **March Past**

On 17th February 2023, all NSS volunteers participated in the sports day celebrations organised by St Joseph’s University, representing the civilian contingent in white dress code. The event started with dignitaries being escorted to the venue, followed by the profile reading and achievements of the great player and alumni of St Joseph’s University. It was the first ever sports meet by the university, making it a special moment for everyone. The march past was conducted with the NCC, NSS volunteers, and all third-year students participating in perfect synchrony, maintaining a steady pace and proper formation. The crowd, including parents, teachers, and students, added to the excitement of the event with their cheering. After which, the positions were announced, followed by speeches by the chief guest and the vice - chancellor. The sports teacher and the chief guest encouraged the athletes to run through the ground and an oath was taken by sports teachers and all the captains. The official torch was lit with great personalities of the sports department, receiving huge applause from the crowd. Later, breakfast was provided to all the volunteers and many sports activities took place in the ground as the official torch for sports beginning was lit.



### **Disaster Management**

On February 20, 2023, NSS UNIT-2 organised a disaster management campaign in collaboration with UNIT-1. The event aimed to promote safety and health in the community by preparing for, responding to, and recovering from natural or man-made disasters. The disaster management campaign emphasised the need for a coordinated approach that brings together various stakeholders, including government agencies, emergency services, non-governmental organizations, and community members. The primary goal was to minimize the impact of disasters and emergencies on people, property, and the environment. Activities included hazard identification, risk assessment, contingency planning, emergency response, search and rescue, medical and psychological support, and rehabilitation. Effective disaster management requires strong leadership, communication, and coordination among all stakeholders. Volunteers were given the opportunity to practice these techniques under the supervision of the trainers, and interactive sessions were held where attendees could ask questions and share their experiences. Overall, the disaster management campaign provided

important information and skills to promote safety and reduce the impact of disasters in the community.

### **Social Justice**

On February 22, 2023, NSS UNIT-2 organised a social justice event with the aim to promote equal rights and opportunities for marginalized and oppressed communities. The event began with a brief introduction to social justice and volunteers were split into groups to discuss and perform street plays on various social issues like gender equality, education, reservation, child marriage, disability, discrimination, bullying, racism, and casteism. Through these street plays, volunteers were able to address specific causes and issues affecting communities and highlight effective remedies to overcome them. Such events provide a platform for volunteers to share their experiences and voice their concerns to demand change from policymakers, institutions, and society. The event also raised awareness among individuals about the history and impact of systemic inequalities and discrimination, and promoted cultural competency and understanding of different perspectives and experiences. Overall, the social justice event aimed to create an inclusive and equitable

society, where all individuals are treated with respect and dignity, regardless of their identity or background.

### **NSS Annual Rural Camp: ( 26TH OF FEBRUARY 2023 TO 5TH OF MARCH 2023 )**

NSS Annual Rural Camp took place from 26th of February 2023 to 5th of March 2023. On the first day, students unloaded their luggage, had lunch with the panchayat members, collected firewood and attended the cultural programme. The second day began with a morning exercise followed by a flag hoisting, breakfast, and manual work. They also had personality check activities and cultural performances. On the third day, volunteers did manual work, conducted sports day for school children, and participated in cultural events. The fourth day had them cleaning the village and continuing with manual work, while the fifth day included planting trees, more manual work, and a medical camp. The sixth day had volunteers participate in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, awareness activities, and cultural events. The last day began with a morning exercise, followed by a feedback session, a farewell programme, and a cultural event. The evaluation process went on until late at night on every day of the camp.

### **Women's Day**

NSS UNIT-2 held "Women's Day" on March 08, 2023. The purpose of celebrating Women's Day was to recognise and celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women around the world. It was also a day



to raise awareness about the ongoing struggle for gender equality and to advocate for women's rights. Volunteers assembled in the venue. All the women assembled on one side of the venue and were taught self-defence techniques in order to protect themselves from any sort of abuse and violence. 10 techniques were taught in the session. On the other side all the men were asked to prepare the greetings for women. After the defence session, cake cutting was held for all the women to celebrate their moment, and make this event a memorable one for all the women. After the cake cutting session, all the women were given greeting cards prepared by men as a surprise. All the women were very happy seeing the greeting card. Those greeting cards represented quotes which made all women smile in the venue. We empower women and promote gender equality so that all people, regardless of gender, can enjoy equal rights, opportunities, and respect. The event raised awareness about women's rights, and promoted gender equality. The event concluded with a photo session.

### **Amrita Swabimani Kurigahi Yojana**

On March 23, 2023, an event was organised for the inauguration of four major schemes by Basavaraj Bommai. The event started off with the state national anthem. Followed by janapada song. All the dignitaries assembled followed by a small welcome speech and profile reading. All the organisers gave a brief introduction of every scheme and the importance on which the scheme was introduced. Four major schemes that were organised by the organisation were:

1. Swami Vivekananda yuva shakthi
2. Shree Samarthyaya yojana
3. Vidhya Nidhi
4. Amra swabimani kurigahi

Funds were collected for implementation of these schemes. Huge amount was collected through the raised funds. These schemes were introduced to improve efficiency in a particular area. Schemes were introduced to encourage people to adopt a particular behaviour, to discourage harmful behaviour. Basavaraj Bommai gave a brief introduction on the above mentioned schemes, and shared some short clips on the organisation. All the collected funds were distributed to heads of the particular association for the great development of the association. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and refreshments.

### **Water for Voiceless**

On March 27, 2023, Water for Voiceless organisation hosted a fundraiser event to raise awareness and funds for the organisation's mission to provide clean water access to communities in need and advocate for animal welfare in collaboration with the National Service Scheme. Volunteers assembled in the venue. The event began with a speech. Soon after the speech the NSS anthem was sung. After the anthem, the dignitaries were introduced. Chief guest highlighted the importance of the organisation's mission and its impact on improving the lives of both humans and animals. Short video clips were played as a part of bringing awareness to volunteers about the problems faced by animals without water.

Photos and short stories were shared with volunteers in order to instil the basic values of helping nature in them. Dignitaries were felicitated by Selwyn Paul. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks. Volunteers were provided with the pots by the Water for Voiceless association. In order to bring awareness, after distributing the pots volunteers were requested to share the pictures of pots by the Water for Voiceless association.

### **Namma Bangalore Icons**

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on 28 March 2023 organised an event aimed at launching "Namma Bangalore icons". Achievements of some iconic personalities who have made a significant impact in various fields, serving as a source of inspiration for the citizens, thereby to promote voter education and increase electoral participation in the upcoming Karnataka assembly general elections. Volunteers assembled in the venue for making this a successful event and spreading the awareness and importance of election and voting. All the dignitaries assembled followed by a small welcome speech and profile reading of the Bangalore icon. Dignitaries shared their experience of voting for the first time. They also shared that by voting, citizens can express their views and opinions on the issues that affect their lives. This allows them to have a say in the policies and decisions made by their elected representatives. Dignitaries were honoured by the commissioner for their contribution for making this event a successful one. After honouring the dignitaries there was a small photo session. Event was ended with a vote of thanks, and volunteers were given refreshments.



## INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL AT SJU

Dr Madappa MB from the department of Biotechnology was appointed as the first director of the IQAC office at St Joseph's University. After successfully serving as the coordinator for 8 years, Dr Syed Wajeed handed over the reins. Ms Swathi S Narayan has been chosen to oversee administrative tasks at the IQAC office as the secretary. The new criteria coordinators of the university are:

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



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## Events attended:

On November 24 - 25, 2022, in the Chancery Pavilion on Residency Road in Bengaluru, Dr Madappa MB attended the QS I-GAUGE India Academic Forum.

On December 16, 2022, Dr Madappa MB participated in the online discussion about the QS I-GAUGE Rating, India for St Joseph's University. Officials from St Joseph's University took part in this conversation. The first and only Independent Education Rating System in India is QS I-GAUGE, a division of QS Quacquarelli Symonds, UK.

Fr Richard Rego, Dr Christo, Kiran Jeevan, and Dr Madappa MB attended the conference with Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis at the Four Seasons hotel from September 12-16, 2022. The American Education Trade Mission to India was in charge of planning the event.

Dr Fr Victor Lobo SJ, Dr Madappa MB, and Mr Kiran Jeevan attended the Consulate General of Italy's Uni-Italia India Educational Conclave. Alfonso Tagliaferri, Italy's new Consul General in Bengaluru, met with the team. Following the engagement, Mr Maurizio Tira and Dr Monica Bofardini from the University of Brescia in Italy paid a visit to the campus on December 9, 2022. The delegation went to the university's library, outreach, and research departments.

## Documentation and Ranking

The IQAC office prepared the file for the NIRF India Ranking 2023. Some of the important highlights of NIRF data submitted from the year 2021-2022 contain a total



student strength of 7870. The 1396 UG and 397 PG students have passed out in a minimal stipulated time in the 2022 pass out batch.

Among them 718 students have taken up jobs and 310 students have opted for higher education. Rupees 58,45,290 was spent on library assets. Rupees 1,26,36,890 alone was spent in academic infrastructure, consumables and other running expenditures. Rupees 37,71,61,146 was spent on salaries. Rupees 1,93,09,968 was spent on capital assets. Rupees 37,88,669 was sponsored by five funding agencies for research. 594 students received the management scholarships and 188 students received scholarships from the private bodies, state and central government schemes. 34 MOUS have been signed by the university.

The NIRF application and documents were presented to the college officials by Dr Syed Wajeed and Dr Madappa MB.

The applications and supporting documents for NIRF overall, India Today magazine ranking for Arts, Science, Commerce, Mass Communication, MSW and BCA

and The Week magazine ranking for Arts, Science, and Commerce and Mass Communication were prepared and submitted by the IQAC office.

Delegates from various colleges visited the university. Teachers from Loyola Academy, Secunderabad, Maris Stella College, Vijayawada, MS Ramaiah College, Bengaluru visited the university.

The IQAC office launched the evaluation of teaching criteria of staff by students for the odd semester 2022-23. Constructive feedback talks have begun. An evaluation of the department's online OE courses was conducted. A two-tiered examination was planned. Staff members reviewed OE courses for the online video and notes they generated.

The Director presided over the meeting of the class IQAC representatives. The review of recommendations and concerns is now underway. The team is forming external members for the university's Greater IQAC team. Following the completion of the procedure, the university's first bigger IQAC meeting will be held.



## St Joseph's Research Institute (SJRI)

### SJRI Activities

The research institute's name was changed to St Joseph's Research Institute. The institute's vision is to use research to investigate, analyse, and evaluate various domains of reality in nature and society.

SJRI's primary goal is to enable and facilitate research at SJU. SJRI would provide infrastructure, industry-academia interface, seed money funding for faculty at the early stages of their careers, faculty training programmes, and seminars and symposia on current thrust areas, in addition to facilitating doctoral programmes.

The following are the SJRI research activities for the year 2022:

To promote research and collaboration, the institute has made field visits to Ashoka Trust for Research In Ecology And

The Environment (ATREE), The University of Trans-Disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (TDU), JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), Indian Institute of Science, Indian Space Research Organisation, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Azim Premji University, Karnataka State Open University for Distance Learning, University of Mysore, Yuvaraja's College, Indian Social Institute, Raman Research Institute.

The journey of the institute began on March 5 and 6, 2022, with the conference "Jesuits in Science Forum" in the Board Room. A session on "Research Tools and Applications" was held on August 4, 2022 in Xavier Hall, and "SJU'S Milestones towards Research and Publications" was held on August 22, 2022 in the SJU Auditorium, Xavier Hall,

Loyola Hall, and Central Library. The institute held a lecture-cum-discussion on Credible Research Publications on October 13 and 14, 2022, in Xavier Hall.

SJU signed an Official MOU with Eurofins in Xavier Hall on November 15, 2022, at 3:00 pm, paving the way for active collaborative research while also advancing the vision of innovation and creativity. On January 14, 2023, SJRI held another Faculty Development Training Programme (FDTP) titled "Use and Application of Plagiarism Detection Software."

SJU launched its PhD programme on February 10, 2023. Mr B. Thimme Gowda, Vice Chairman, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, and Mr S. Madheswaran, Head, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, were the chief guests. There are over 20 PhD programmes offered.





### **Faculty Development Training Programme (FDTP) – “Use and Application of Plagiarism Detection Software”**

On January 14 2023, a Faculty Development Training Programme was organised in the Central Library. The topic was the use and application of plagiarism detection software.

### **PhD Programme Inauguration**

PhD is offered in over 20 subjects, and admission is done twice a year in July and January with a monthly stipend offered to full-time scholars. Out of 46 applicants for the PhD programme, 40 were shortlisted for interview and 19 were admitted. The first batch of students in Botany, Chemistry, Physics and English started their studies on 11th February 2023.

### **Lecture Series – 1 “Feminist Methodology in Social Sciences Research”**

On February 23 2023, a special lecture was delivered on “Feminist Methodology in Social Sciences Research” for the PhD scholars and the P.G. students of Social Sciences, St Joseph’s University.

### **Lecture Series – 2 “Research Methods in the Humanities”**

On March 17 2023, a special lecture was delivered on “Research Methods in the Humanities” for the PhD scholars and the P.G. students of Social Sciences, St Joseph’s University on 17th March 2023.

### **Lecture Series – 3 “Climate Change and Natural Disasters: An Indian Perspective”**

On March 24 2023, a special lecture was delivered on “Climate Change and Natural Disasters: An Indian Perspective” for the PhD scholars and the P.G. students of Social Sciences, St Joseph’s University.

### **Workshop – “Conservation of Biodiversity and Medicinal Plants in India”**

On March 27 2023, a workshop titled “Conservation of Biodiversity and Medicinal Plants in India” was organised for the PhD scholars and the P.G. students of Social Sciences, St Joseph’s University.

### **Inauguration of the Eurofins Laboratory**

On March 29, 2023, an analytical chemistry laboratory, a collaboration between St Joseph’s University and the Eurofins group of companies was inaugurated. The initiative was part of the Eurofins group’s Eurofins Advinus, Eurofins Analytical Services and Eurofins Amar Immunodiagnostics, a CSR programme. It was part of the company’s effort to support the Atma Nirbhar programme of India that aims to develop human capital.

## RESEARCH SCHOLARS (2020-2022)

Sl.No.	Name of the Guide	Department of the Guide	Name of the Student	Status
1	Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas	Chemistry	Manasa G	Submitted
2	Dr Sandra Misquith	Chemistry	Bhavna Maurya	Submitted
3	Dr Melwin Colaco	Chemistry	Jeena Susan George	Currently working
4	Dr Michael Rajamathi	Chemistry	Bhojaraj	Currently working
5	Dr Jayarama Reddy	Botany	Rev Fr Jobi Xavier	Submitted
6	Dr Jayarama Reddy	Botany	Manjunath B T	Submitted
7	Dr Jayarama Reddy	Botany	Johny Joseph	Submitted

### PhD Programme 2022-2023 Details

<b>A. Departments offering PhD</b>		<b>C. PhD Supervisors</b>	
1)	Department of Botany	<b>ENGLISH</b>	
2)	Department of Chemistry	1. Dr Etienne Rassendren	
3)	Department of Commerce	2. Dr Cherian Alexander	
4)	Department of Economics	3. Dr Arul Mani	
5)	Department of English	4. Dr Amrita Banerjee	
6)	Department of Hindi	<b>CHEMISTRY</b>	
7)	SJIT / Advanced Computing	1. Dr Michael Rajamathi	
8)	Department of Kannada	2. Dr Ronald Mascherenahs	
9)	Department of Mathematics	3. Dr Melwin Colaco	
10)	Department of Microbiology	4. Dr Debashis Ghosh	
11)	Department of Physics	5. Dr Anchal Singhal	
12)	Department of Political Science	6. Dr Rita Pal	
13)	Department of Zoology	7. Dr Sunita Rajamani	
<b>B. The PhD Programme advertisement was made for the following Disciplines</b>		8. Dr Libi Thomas	
1.	Botany	<b>PHYSICS</b>	
2.	Chemistry	1. Dr Arun Thampan	
3.	English	2. Dr Mohan A	
4.	Physics	<b>BOTANY</b>	
		1. Dr Neelam Mishra	
		2. Dr Praveen Kumar	





## PLACEMENT OFFICE

With an overall placement rate of 87 per cent, St Joseph's University placement drive was a huge success in the year 2022-23. This accomplishment is a result of the students, faculty members, and SJU's Placement Office's hard work and dedication.

### Skill Development Training Programmes

SJU's Placement Office held four skill development training programmes to improve students' employability in various areas including technical, soft skills, and personality development.

### Highest CTC Offered

As of today, 256 companies are associated with SJU placement. This year, the highest CTC offered to our students was Rs. 21 lakhs per year.

### Josephite HIRE Josephite

The Josephite HIRE Josephite, an online student portal, provides students with access to the most recent job opportunities and allows students to connect with employers and apply for various job openings.

### Webinars and Talks

The Placement Office co-hosted seven webinars and discussions with industry leaders such as Cognizant and Wipro. These sessions provided students with valuable insights into the industry and helped them understand the latest trends and requirements of the job market.

876 of its students took the Wheebox National Employability Test. Of these, 73 per cent of our students received

a high percentile on the test indicating that they are prepared to enter the labour force.

Representatives from several regional colleges gathered at SJU for an Inter College Placement Officers Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to create a platform for placement officers to share information. The SJU Placement Office proposed the establishment of a forum to facilitate information sharing among college placement officers. The forum will be used for discussions, brainstorming solutions, and sharing placement strategies. Representatives from the meeting welcomed the proposal and agreed to participate actively in the forum.



## PANA

The Philatelists and Numismatists Association at St Joseph's University is a professional forum for faculty and students interested in philately, numismatics, and notaphily. Mr G Anuplal (Associate Professor and HOD of Industrial Relations) and Mr Deepak Kannan (Final Year B.Sc.) were unanimously elected President and General Secretary of PANA on September 17, 2022. Returning Officers for the PANA Election were Mr Clement D'Souza and Dr A Maria.

On February 4, 2023, our Alumni Association's Centenary Special Postal Cover was released. With the release of this cover, St Joseph's now has the distinction of being an institution of higher education in Karnataka to have two special commemorative postal covers and a commemorative postage stamp with First Day Cover to its name.

The Annual Philately And Numismatics Workshop-2022

was held on November 28, 2022. Mr G Anuplal addressed the Cannanore Philatelic Club, Kerala, on December 25, 2022, about the SJU Alumni Centenary Commemorative Postal Cover and other philatelic materials associated with the college. The Annual Numismatics (Coins) Workshop-2023 was held on January 28, 2023, and a study class on "Postal Covers Associated with St Joseph's University" was held on February 8, 2023. Members made studies at the 14th National Numismatics Exhibition in Bengaluru in February 2023.

PANA's Annual Exhibition, PANEX 2023, will take place on March 24 and 25, 2023. PANA student members' postage stamps, postal stationery, coins, and currency notes will be on display. The Exhibition Jury will consist of Mr G Anuplal, Mr Clement D'Souza, Dr Melwin Colaco, Dr Maria A, Ms K S Jyothsna, and Mr Anil D'Souza. The 2023 'PAN Quiz' will take place in April.

The declared winners are as follows-

### **Philately (Postage Stamps)**

I Prize : Sangeetha Sandra Pais

II Prize: Regan Rodrigues

III Prize: Abdul Qadir AC

Consolation Prize: Vamshi Krishna

### **Philately (Postal Stationery)**

I Prize: Edric G Tellis

II Prize: John Shobith

### **Numismatics (Coins)**

I Prize: Deepak Kannan

II Prize: Caroline Judi

III Prize: A Allen

Consolation Prize: Nikhil P

### **Numismatics (Currency Notes)**

I Prize: Abhishek Lingaraj

II Prize: Sangeetha Sandra Pais

III Prize: Vamshi Krishna

Consolation Prize: John Shobith

### **Best Philatelist of SJU**

Ms Sangeetha Sandra Pais

### **Best Numismatist of SJU**

Deepak Kannan

The General Body Meeting (Valedictory) will be held during the first week of May 2023.





## CRYSIS

### **CRISYS 112: Term / Research Paper: Research In The Natural Sciences**

On July 7, 2022, a webinar was held by the Centre for Research and Innovation in Systems of Social Sciences, Applied Sciences and Sustainability (CRISYS) of St Joseph's University. Alumni of St Joseph's University, Mr Darshan and Ms Naksha were invited as speakers for the event "CRISYS 112: Term /Research Paper: Research in the Natural Sciences".

A welcome address was followed by the introduction of the Biotech Collective, the functioning of CRISYS and of the speakers.

Ms Naksha, from Radboud University, Netherlands began by highlighting the importance

of the primary decision to be made regarding the focus of the research, whether it was broad or narrow. She brought out the differences between a review article and a research proposal, concluding with a discussion on the writing process. Mr Darshan, from the University of Hyderabad, listed prerequisites to beginning research, such as good observation skills, patience, identifying a research topic etc. He recommended a SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis to identify a field of interest. He familiarised the audience with the key steps to research: doing a detailed literature survey, discovering the literature gap, a research gap to design a project, and finally identifying loopholes.


This was followed by a quality discussion about the fundamentals and comparison of research in India and abroad followed by a question-and-answer round. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks.

### **Inauguration and Webinar on 'SJU Library E-Resources'**

On November 28, 2022, the Centre for Research and Innovation in Systems of Social Sciences, Applied Sciences and Sustainability (CRISYS) of St Joseph's University held its Inauguration. It was hosted on the MS Teams platform. The inauguration was followed by an informative session on 'SJU Library E-Resources' presented by Dr Shivakumar TC, Chief Librarian at St Joseph's University.

**CRISYS**  
**CRISYS 112: TERM/RESEARCH PAPER**  
**BIOTECHNOLOGY COLLECTIVE**

invites you for  
**THE ONLINE WEBINAR**  
**ON RESEARCH IN**  
**THE NATURAL**  
**SCIENCES**




**DARSHAN**  
 SPEAKER 1  
 UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD



**NAKSHA**  
 SPEAKER 2  
 RADBOD UNIVERSITY, NETHERLANDS

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**ASSOCIATION COORDINATOR:**  
**DR. JAYASHANKAR M**

The address was followed by a speech by Dr M Jayashankar, Coordinator of CRISYS, who touched upon the history of the association. Additionally, brief introductions to the Psychology, Economics, and Biotechnology Collectives of CRISYS were given. The inauguration was followed by an instructive session on the e-resources available at the St Joseph's University Library by Dr Shivakumar TC. He spearheaded the establishment

of the Knimbus E-library at the Institution, a digital library platform that allows students and faculty to access its contents through a single window, using a common username and password. The session began with an introduction to the various resources available including e-newspapers, e-books, e-journals, and multiple online databases. He then proceeded to explain the steps to be followed to access content

from online databases like JSTOR, N-LIST, DELNET, and the DSpace Digital Library and Institutional Repository. Helpful tips to improve results while conducting basic and advanced searches were also provided. The webinar was followed by a question-and-answer session. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and received positive responses from the participants.

### **CRISYS Economics Collective Launch**

The Economics Collective of the Centre for Research and Innovation in Systems of Social Sciences, Applied Sciences and Sustainability (CRISYS) of St Joseph's University was established on July 13, 2022. Interviews for suitable candidates were conducted to select five core participants at the leadership level of the collective. It was established with the purpose of building and sustaining a rigorous research culture within the university. Short-term and long-term goals were laid out to achieve this objective. Short-term goals include simplifying the research process for beginners, advertising, and marketing the Economics Collective, and curating events to help students improve their academic writing, primarily, through interactions with seniors. In the long term, the collective hopes to accrue enough interest and resources to be able to help students in moving forward with abstracts and research proposals and create a database for research proposals that will help young scholars network and work with other scholars with similar interests.





## WACC

### NEERATHON 2022

On May 8, 2022, a one-day event, Neerathon 2022, was held at St Joseph's University to raise awareness about water conservation and promote sustainable water management practices. The event was organised by the University's Wildlife Awareness and Conservation Club and the Public Relations Office. It was open to students, faculty, and the general public.

Talks regarding the importance of water conservation and sustainable water management were delivered by experts in the field of water management, environmental science, and sustainability. The keynote address was delivered by Dr Zakaria Abbas, International Health Campaigner and Social Entrepreneur, NH, who spoke about the need for a holistic approach to water management and the role of individuals and communities in ensuring water security.

The event featured several interactive sessions. A 2K and 5K Run for Water Conservation where participants learned about water conservation techniques and sustainable water management practices were also organised. Participants were also encouraged to share their experiences and ideas for promoting water conservation and sustainable water management.

A photography competition was also held on the theme of water conservation, where participants submitted their entries

showcasing their perspectives.

The event provided a platform for experts, students, and the general public to exchange ideas and experiences on water management. It also highlighted the role of individuals and communities in ensuring water security and promoted the need for a comprehensive approach to water management. The success of Neerathon 2022 highlights the commitment of St Joseph's University in promoting sustainable practices and creating awareness about environmental issues.







## WOMEN'S CELL

On January 29, 2022, an online talk, “Menstrual Health and Hygiene”, was organised by Women’s Cell in association with Global Hunt Foundation & Unicharm India. Ms Nitya Choudhary, Corporate Social Responsibility Executive of Unicharm India gave an interactive talk to increase the awareness regarding menstrual health and hygiene practices. She educated the students regarding the dos and don’ts during the menstrual cycle and contested various myths regarding menstrual hygiene. Around 100 students attended the talk and actively interacted in the session. Dr Neelam Mishra introduced the speaker and Dr Anchal Singhal delivered the vote of thanks. Dr Ami Joshi, Assistant Coordinator was the emcee. Dr Shanty Mathew, Convenor of Women’s Cell along with other women’s cell members—Dr Daisy, Dr Kavya, Ms Ayesha, and Dr Ozma were also present during the presentation.

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WOMEN'S CELL  
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## THE JOSEPHITE CHOIR REPORT 2023

The Josephite Choir has been singing for the Greater Glory of God for over 100 years now. The choir is blessed with immensely talented singers and saw a lot of new talented singers and musicians this year too. Ms Bijila Mariam Varghese from III BSW and Mr Subin John Matthew from III TEP were appointed as the student conductors for the year 2022-23. This year the choir had 250 students.

The choir started its journey for the academic year 2022-23 from Glorious Festival of Harmony, a national level choir festival hosted by Glorious Choir, Bengaluru.

The Josephite Choir performed in front of the Honourable President of India, during her visit to inaugurate St Joseph's University.

During the Christmas season the choir took part in various events and competitions and has won many laurels. The

choir delivered a spectacular performance for Magnificat hosted by Christ University, St. Mark's Cathedral Church and at VR Mall, Bengaluru. During the season the choir won third place in both White Christmas, an annual choir competition hosted by the Rice Memorial Church and in the state-level online Christmas singing competition hosted by News Karnataka. The choir also went on to win second place at the Annual Sing Song competition conducted by CSI East Parade Tamil Church.

In the month of January, the Choir participated in TROIKA,

the annual competition hosted by CSI Holy Trinity Church and secured first place. The choir also performed for the Easter programme hosted by the SDA Central English Adventist Church. Throughout the year the choir took part in various programmes and events hosted by the University and various associations and groups of the University.

The association played a significant role in enhancing the musical skills of its members and saw greater growth in their musical abilities this year.







## KALAH

Team Kalah hosted and participated in various events during the academic year 2022-23. Their journey started with Visages 2022, an inter-collegiate fest conducted by the student council on July 8 and 9, 2022. Kalah hosted three events during the fest: Gamakaa-laya - Indian Solo Singing, Sangati Samyama - Classical Music, and Swara Sangraam - Indian Group Music.

The new academic year began with auditions on September 29 and 30, 2022, to select new members for the Kalah team. After receiving auditions, 40 students were chosen to join the team. An Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2022-23 was held on October 29, 2022, where Spoorthi Rao, a renowned classical singer and title winner of Super Singer Tamil Season 4, was the guest of honour.

Team Kalah's success continued throughout the academic year, with several inter-collegiate and

intra-college event wins. They secured first place at Christ University's Music for Harmony fest hosted by Christ University in association with the National Foundation for Communal Harmony on November 17, 2022. Additionally, Sirikrishna Hindupur (222JPP005) won first place in Solo Singing at Sargam 2022 hosted by New Horizon College of Engineering Marathahalli, while Pranava Shastri (222CHZ09) and

Srihari Saralaya (21PEM018) secured 2nd place in Carnatic Instrumental and Vocals at Mysore Education Society College of Arts, Commerce, and Science, Malleswaram.

Overall, Team Kalah had a successful year, showcasing their talents and winning multiple awards at various events. Their participation and success are a testament to their dedication, hard work, and passion for music.







## INDIAN DANCE ASSOCIATION MRITYUNJAYA

On behalf of the Josephite Dance Association, Mrityunjaya, the Indian dance team of St Joseph's University, participated in various inter-collegiate dance competitions. The team consists of 16 members who are well-trained in various Indian dance forms, including Indian contemporary, classical, and Bollywood dance. Under the guidance of Ms Sushmita Vincent, the team's coordinator, and choreographer Mr Mithun K Prasad, Mrityunjaya showcased their exceptional talent and passion for dance in several competitions.

The team conducted auditions in September 2022, where 20 members were selected from 170 participants. In November 2022, they participated in the Indian group dance competition hosted by PES University, Electronic City Campus, where they were awarded a special mention by the judges. Later that month, they took part in an Indian group dance hosted by New Horizon, Sarjapur Campus.

In December, Mrityunjaya participated in the National Level Indian Dance Championship and delivered a mesmerising

performance that left the audience spellbound.

Recently, in January and February 2023, the team participated in the Indian group dance and classical solo dance events hosted by Jain Univeristy, JC Road, under the name NEXUS.

Throughout the competitions, Mrityunjaya's team members displayed exceptional skill, creativity, and hard work. The Josephite Dance Association is immensely proud of its achievements and looks forward to seeing the team's continued success in the future.



# WESTERN DANCE ASSOCIATION J STREET CREW

## ACHIEVEMENTS (JULY 2022 ONWARDS)

### COMPETITIONS:

#### Dayanand Sagar Business Academy

Name: Sagara Taranga

Date: July 29, 2022

Position: 1st Place

#### Dayanand Sagar College of Engineering

Name: APOGEE

Date: August 4, 2022

Position: 1st Place

#### St. Claret College

Name: Mayurika

Date: August 12, 2022

Position: 1st Place

#### Bangalore Medical College

Name: Cobalt Skies

Date: November 11, 2022

Position: 1st Place

#### New Horizon College

Name: Sargam

Date: November 12, 2022

Position: 1st Place

### Indian Dance Championship

Date: December 18, 2022

Position: 3rd Place

### Destiny

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

### Pulse, Jain College, Jayanagar

On February 7, 2023, Jain hosted an inter college fest that included 11 participating teams. The performances were judged by a renowned choreographer from Mumbai. Our team put in an exceptional effort and were

related to be announced as the winners. The feedback from the judge was especially meaningful, as they praised our flawless performance on stage.

### Nexus

The winning streak of our team continued in 2023 as we participated in Nexus, an inter-college fest hosted by Jain College on JC Road. The competition included the same 11 teams as before, but this time, a different judge was appointed to evaluate the performances. This was our third consecutive victory in 2023, in Nexus on 8th February.

### Udhbhav

On February 11, 2023, our team participated in the Udhbhav competition held at Jyoti Nivas College. The event comprised eight teams, and we took part in both the battle and group dance categories. It was a challenging task to balance





both performances, which were happening simultaneously. Nevertheless, our hard work paid off, and we secured first place in the group dance category. Additionally, we managed to make it to the semi-finals of the 1v1 battle, which was another great accomplishment for our team. Overall, our outstanding performance helped us secure the first place position at Udbhav.

### **Mirage - Fashion Spectrum'23**

Our participation in Mirage - Fashion Spectrum'23, held at the National Institute of Fashion Technology in Chennai, was an unforgettable journey. Despite the tough competition, we were thrilled to be announced as the runners-up, securing second place in the event held on 24th March.

### **Riveria - Frisk Factor Competition**

After our successful performance at NIFT Chennai, we immediately

headed to Vellore Institute of Technology in Vellore to participate in the Riviera - Frisk Factor competition held on 18th February. Despite the tight schedule, our team put in an exceptional effort and delivered an outstanding performance in front of an audience of more than 8000 people. We competed against 18 other teams, each putting up a tough fight. However, our team's dedication and hard work paid off, and we emerged victorious, securing first place in the competition. We were thrilled to have achieved another remarkable accomplishment in our journey as a team.

### **Christ University, Kengeri**

On March 3, 2023, our team participated in another Bangalore Fest held at Christ University in Kengeri. The competition included seven other teams,

all vying for the top spot. We were thrilled to be announced as the winners, securing the first position once again.

### **Krupanidhi Institutions**

Our team participated in a dance competition held at Krupanidhi Institutions on 4th March. The competition included only five teams, and it featured various styles of dance. Despite the limited number of competitors, our team put in an excellent effort and delivered an outstanding performance. We were thrilled to be announced as the winners, securing first place in the competition.

### **St Joseph's College of Commerce**

Our team was thrilled to participate in the dance competition held at St Joseph's College of Commerce (SJCC) on 3rd March. The competition featured a total of eight teams. Our team was assigned to perform last. However, we won first place in the competition.



### **Furor, Dayananda Sagar College**

Our team competed in the dance competition at Furore on 6th March. We were particularly excited as we knew that a well-respected judge was eagerly awaiting our performance. The competition featured a total of 9-10 teams and we won first place in the competition.

### **IIT Sri City, Chittoor**

We performed at IIT Sri City, Chittoor on March 8th. The competition had 7 teams, all from colleges in Chennai and Andhra. What made it even more exciting was the fact that we were judged by an international choreographer. Our hard work paid off when we were announced as the winners of the competition, securing first place.

### **Indian Academy Degree College**

We performed at Indian academy degree college on 20th April. There were 5 teams and we were judged by a film dance choreographer and director. We won the first place.

Battle yea skills (privately hosted) National level :

On 14th April, we participated in the professional category, where teams from around the country competed against each other. Our aim was to experience the feeling of competing against some of the best teams in the country. We were judged by Himanshu from Mumbai, and after our performance, we received a positive result where we were awarded the second place. The judge even went on to mention that he considered us as

the winners, which was a great compliment for us.

### **SHOWCASES:**

- **Badminton Premier League:** The team was approached to perform at the badminton premier league for the semi finals and finals on 21 August. PV Sindhu was the guest and she watched us live.

- **Cocktail Karnival:** We performed at a carnival that happened at manpho convention centre on 26 November. Our audience comprised of teens and millennials. The stage was also shared by some famous artists.

- **Under 25 Summit :** We performed at the famous Under 25 summit. We were approached by the Under 25 team and were asked to perform at 2 of their stages on 5th March.





## MAD ADS ICEBREAKERS MIME ASSOCIATION (MIMA)

### Inauguration

The inauguration of MIMA happened on November 24, 2022 at the University Auditorium. Mr Mayandi Karunanidhi – a versatile standup comedian and an Instagram influencer was the chief guest for the day. The event was graced by the guest of honor Ms Maria Thomas and the special invitees, Mr Kiran D Jeevan, PRO, SJU and Mr Taral D Shah, Governor, Student Council, SJU. Ms Akshitra the newly selected President and her team took their oath to create entertainment and socially relevant content that goes with the motto of the association “where the minds go crazy”.

### Auditions

The MIMA registrations started on November 8, 2022 and continued until November 13, 2022, with the forms closing at 11:59 pm. The association had 167 registrations through the

Google forms sent and 50 on-spot registrations for MIMA 5.0. The audition was held on November 14, 2022 in Xavier Hall. 25 new candidates were inducted into the association.

### Swagath

The MIMA team performed for Swagath (Fresher’s day) on November 12, 2022.

### Lit Witz Fest

Presidency University held an intercollegiate fest called Lit Witz Fest on November 19, 2022 where MIMAINS secured the first prize in Mad Ads.

### Sargam

New Horizon College conducted Sargam on November 25, 2022 where MIMA participated in Street Play and Mono-act. Mr Mayukan from MIMA won third place in mono-act from SJU.

### Culah

Mount Carmel College conducted Culah on February

3 and 4, 2023 where MIMA participated in Ice Breakers and won first place, second place in Knives Out, third place in Mime and third place in Mad Ads.

### Scintillation

Jyoti Nivas Pre-University College conducted Scintillation on February 15 and 16, 2023 where MIMA participated in Mad Ads and secured first place, third place in Street play and second place in Toasted.

### Spectrum

National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) conducted Spectrum on March 15 and 16, 2023, where MIMA participated and won second place in Street Play and first place in Mime. Two teams participated in Mad Ads and secured second and third place subsequently.

Isaiah 43:19b

**ST JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY**  
**CHRISTIAN STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION**

Inviting you all for a

*Happy New Year Celebration*

On  
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**12:15pm - 1:30pm**

**St. Joseph's University**

*"Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful acts".  
(Psalm 105:2)*

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## THE CHRISTIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (CSA)

The Christian Students Association (CSA) at St Joseph's University had a productive academic year 2022-23, marked by a variety of activities and events which helped students grow in faith and fellowship. The CSA inauguration, held on September 22, 2022, at Faber Hall, set the tone for the rest of the year, with students eagerly participating in the association's various events and activities.

Weekly fellowships on Tuesdays and Thursdays allowed students to gather, study the Bible, sing,

and discuss themes important to their spiritual life. Stauros, an inter-collegiate event organised by Mount Carmel College on September 30, 2022, saw students from CSA compete in a variety of categories. CSA won first place in both Vernacular Singing (group) and Gospel Beats, giving students a chance to demonstrate their talent and share their religion with others.

Auditions were held in November 2022 for students keen on representing CSA in intra and inter-collegiate Christian fests.

On January 16, 2023, the group celebrated the New Year at Loyola Hall, with students performing various songs and being motivated by a short speech on focussing and centering their life on Jesus Christ.

CSA's participation in various events and activities provided students with a platform to showcase their talent and grow in faith and community. The association looks forward to continuing to serve the college community and providing a space for Christian students to grow in their faith.





## GLOBAL INITIATIVES

The Center of Global Initiatives team is headed by Dr Fr Richard Rego, SJ. The team comprises Dr Michael Rajamathi, Dr Melwin Colaco, Dr Suzan Philip, Dr Sunita Rajamani and Dr Pruthvi Kashyap. There were a lot of interesting collaborations that the team worked on from August 2022 to Dec 2022.

### COLLABORATION BETWEEN SEATTLE UNIVERSITY AND SJU

The Global Engagement Advisory Committee of SJU had a series of meetings with a delegation from Seattle University that visited SJU in 2022. Among these, one of the meetings was with the deans and the directors of all schools. In furthering our collaboration with Seattle University, it was decided to invite an expression of interest from our faculty of various Schools/Institutes in the following areas:

1. Offering Joint Courses (as part of/independent of the Collaborative Online International Learning-COIL programme) online.
2. Organising short term courses that involve student teams travelling to one/both

campuses. An expression of interest was also invited from faculty interested in conducting joint courses that involve students from SJU and SU jointly taking a course, and travelling to one/both campuses as part of this course.

### MAGIS STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Two students from SJU got a chance to do their upcoming semester in other Jesuit Universities.

Sheetal Ignatius (221MST04) got selected to Sophia University, Japan, and Gaurav Chauhan (221VOF25) got selected to Loyola University New Orleans, USA.

### JOB SHADOWING

Two students of II Year Mass Communication and Journalism were selected for Job Shadowing by Erasmus. One of the students got selected to work in the Czech Republic from Jan 31 to March 12, and another student got selected to work in the Philippines from Feb 12 to Feb 23. These students 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 TO MOTIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION

A talk was organised by Dr Finosh for interested BSc students. This was to motivate the students towards higher education.

### ONLINE MEET OF STUDENTS OF BOSTON COLLEGE AND SJU

The student coordinator, Vincent, and two other students, Maria and Anju, joined from Boston College. In this discussion with Boston University, five SJU students joined. It was an interactive session where students from SJU discovered the religious views of the students from the other side of the planet, especially in light of mental health. They learnt about and saw the differences in the ways they deal with difficulties they may face with their mental health. The five students from SJU were Srusti (221BCADA27), Shawn Shibu (221BCADA03), Sanskrithi KV (221BPS19), Norma Jenson (222ECO42) and Priyanka M (221BPS50).



## OUTREACH

St Joseph's University held several events and programmes throughout the academic year 2022-23 to raise awareness and promote social responsibility among the students. During Vigilance Awareness Week, SJU partnered with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited to spread awareness about a corruption-free India. Students created posters and performed street plays at different public squares to promote the cause.

During Children's Day Celebration, SJU students engaged with children from schools, migrant slums, and NGOs, hosting various activities. PG Rural Exposure Camps were

organised for final year PG students to sensitise them towards social concerns and encourage commitment towards society.

The Bembala team collaborated with the government of Karnataka to organise an Anti-Drug Campaign, and a Climate Change Rally was organised in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs. The Traffic Awareness Drive was conducted for all second-semester UG classes to raise awareness about traffic rules and regulations.

SJU students also engaged in community service activities, including a sticker campaign to

end period shame, a slum survey, World Diabetes Day activities, and various cleanliness drives. Additionally, UG students visited Moulana Azad Model School to promote fun learning among primary school children and organised a candlelight vigil in solidarity with the brutally raped and murdered Dalit sisters of Lakhimpur Kheri.

Overall, SJU's events and programmes aimed to promote social responsibility and community-centric development among students, encouraging them to contribute to society while achieving academic excellence and character formation.







## NORTHEAST AND TIBETAN STUDENTS FORUM

### FOOD FEST

The Northeast and Tibetan Students Forum hosted its annual Food Fest which saw the vibrant cultures of India's northeastern region being showcased through its diverse culinary traditions. Hosted on February 27, 2023, the event was inaugurated at 10:45 am at the University Grounds by the chief guest Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro-Chancellor of St Joseph's University. The event saw a confluence of culinary heritages that lie in the heart of the Northeast region brought to

the hands of students and faculty through more than 10 different stalls. Each stall was dedicated to the traditional cuisines of the Seven Sister States as well as the unique cultures of Darjeeling, Ladakh, and Tibet. The varied food items from stalls included sha haley and laphing from Tibet, as well as the popular momos from Darjeeling. Stalls also served preset meals for students who preferred lunches. The fest lasted for a day and saw crowds of students munching on their favourite delicacies.

### FOOTPRINTS 2023

The rich heritage of the Northeastern region came alive on stage through music, dance, skits, and folktales at Footprints 2023, the fourteenth edition of the Northeast and Tibetan Students Forum's annual cultural fest. Hosted on April 29, 2023, at 06:00 pm, the vibrant cultures of the Seven Sister States, as well as the regions of Darjeeling, Ladakh, and Tibet, were displayed through various performances.







The Chief Guest for the event was Shri Rakkam A Sangma, Hon'ble Minister for Education of Meghalaya, who hailed the event as a space for different cultures to come together in creating a united India bursting with diversity. The event was also graced by the presence of Most Rev Dr Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore, Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, and Dr Ronald Mascarenhas,

Pro-Vice-Chancellor. Some of the performances from the energetic evening include the Snow Lion Dance of Tibet, songs from Meghalaya and Assam, band music from Manipur, and a Fashion Show displaying the numerous traditional clothing of the various regions of the Northeast. There were also guest performances from the states of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh. The

Footprints Thrift and Flea Bazaar was also hosted in the hours before the main event, where entrepreneurs sold clothing, jewellery, art, and food. Under the helm of Mr Avishek Suman, Staff Coordinator, Br Reuell, SJ, and the council members, the event attracted the participation of the University's student population as well as from other institutions.







# SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

## DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN



### **Die Resonanz**

“Die Resonanz” was the first event organised by Treffpunkt, the German association of St Joseph’s University. The aim of the event was to promote German language and culture among the students. The event included three exciting competitions: “Artikel aus Deutschland,” an essay writing competition; “Mysteriöse suche,” a treasure hunt; and “Die Gelehrtenfalle,” a quiz event. The competitions were a success with five teams participating in the treasure hunt,

six teams in the quiz event, and five participants in the essay writing competition.

The event concluded with a grand valedictory ceremony on March 6, 2023. It was graced by the esteemed chief guest, Dr Kumar Ranganathan who is involved in tech leadership and innovation management. He has a working knowledge of German (Goethe C1). The ceremony commenced with our emcee and association coordinator, Ms Srividya, welcoming the chief guest along with Ms Gayathri.

Dr Ranganathan, in his talk, highlighted the significance of learning a new language, and a lively Q&A session followed where he addressed questions from the audience.

The prize distribution ceremony recognised and awarded the deserving winners of the competitions. The ceremony further resonated with the cultural performances, which included a dance and music performance by the second-year German students of the University.





## DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

### RENDEZ-VOUS

Rendez-Vous held three fun-filled events in the month of October, 2022: Quiz Bee, Treasure hunt and a Halloween-themed Costume Competition.

Quiz Bee tested the participants' knowledge on French culture including politics, cinema, sports, and music. The quiz was held in two rounds in association with the Quiz Club. Mr Pramod Harle, Assistant Professor, Department of English, was the quizmaster and conducted multiple interactive rounds involving bounce, fastest finger first, etc. Sheldon Khongjee (I CMS) and Reuben Harold (I CHBT) came first, followed by Kevin Sebastian (I MCS)

and Sangeeth Sunil (I ECPS) in second place, and Vivet D'Silva (I ECSO) and Ayush Daga (I ECPS) in third.

Treasure Hunt was a team event with clues that led teams around the entire campus. The clues had French words in them, which added a level of difficulty for the participants. This event was open to all students of the university. The winners of the event were Eric and Vasundra AS (I ELCS), followed by Sheldon Khonglee (II CMS) and Cammy Dawan

Tongper (II PEM), and Neha Khatun and Reshmi Nath (I ECI).

Halloween Eve was spooky at SJU with the Halloween Costume Competition, where the participants showed off their fashion, make-up skills and their best scary face. The event saw many on-spot registrations. Mr Franklin Joseph, a former member of the student council, was the judge. The winners were Steve Allan (I ELCS) and Christina (II BVC).







## DEPARTMENT OF HINDI

### STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Dr Hasan Pathan

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

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

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

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

Organised a one-day State Seminar for UG students entitled, "Research and Critical Thinking Amongst Students" on November 12, 2022 at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Edited a book entitled, Dakshin Bharat Mein Hindi (2021) ISBN: 978-81-953955-2-1, Adhikaran Parkashan, Delhi-110094.

Authored a book along with Dr Mobin Jahoroddin, entitled 19veen sadee Ka Marathi Gadya Sahitya (2022), ISBN: 978-93-91570-43-9, Adhikaran Parkashan, Delhi-110094.

Edited the book entitled, Marathi Sahitya Kaal Evam Pravrttiyaan (2022), ISBN: 978-93-91570-

39-2, Adhikaran Parkashan, Delhi-110094.

Authored a book along with Dr Mobin Jahoroddin entitled, Sambhaashan Kala Ke Vividh Aayaam (2022), ISBN: 978-93-91570-47-7, Adhikaran Parkashan, Delhi-110094.

Published a translation of PL Deshpande's "Ek Laapata Desh Mein" in Dakshinapatha Patrika, Vol. 1, Issue 01, ISSN 2583-3367 in July-September, 2022

#### Mr Satish Honnanagar

Published an article entitled, "Jaiprakash kardam ki 'No Bar' kahani me abhivyakt Dalit samasya", Dakshina Path ISSN-2283-3367, third edition, July - September 2022.

Published an article entitled "Shauraj Singh bechain ki kahaniyon me abhivyakt dalit samasya" in a reputed UGC care listed journal, ISSN-0975-735X, 60th edition, October - December 2022.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

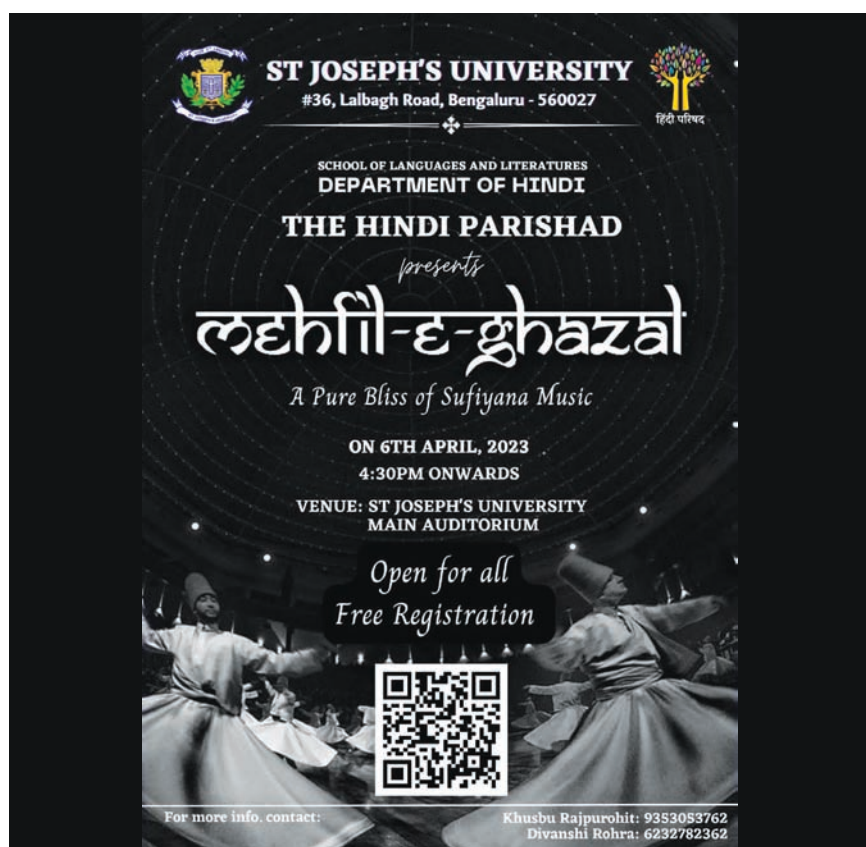
## HINDI PARISHAD

### Hindi Diwas Celebration

On September 14, 2022, the Hindi Parishad celebrated Hindi Diwas. The event started with a small prayer by Mr Satish, Assistant Professor, to mark the presence of grace and this was followed by welcoming the dignitaries. Dr Sajida Ahmed, Head of the Department of Hindi, shared her experience as a teacher and the opportunities she got through Hindi. The speech was followed by a guest introduction and a speech by the chief guest, Dr Bendre Basaveshwar Nagorao, who spoke about career opportunities in the Hindi domain. There were performances by Kalah and the dance team, Tashan, which was followed by a felicitation ceremony. The event ended with Mr Satish blessing the ears with a beautiful performance and a vote of thanks.

### Garba Night

On September 29, 2022, the Hindi Parishad celebrated Navaratri by organising Garba Night at Xavier Hall in the PG block. The celebration started in the presence of Dr Sajida Ahmed, Head of the Department of Hindi, and Mr Satish, Assistant Professor. The gathering was welcomed and Mr Satish spoke a few words on the importance of celebrating Navaratri, which was followed by an announcement of the rules



and regulations to be followed. The main intent behind this event was to promote Indian culture and tradition on the auspicious occasion of Navaratri. There were about 250 participants in the hall with 30 volunteers and ten core committee members. The students adhered to the theme of traditional attire. The event started at 03:30 pm with great enthusiasm and happiness, and continued until 06:30 pm. A number of garba songs, which abided by the decorum of the university, were played. The event ended with a vote of thanks.

### Investiture Ceremony

On October 29, 2022, the Investiture Ceremony for the new office-bearers along with felicitation of former members of the Hindi Parishad was organised. The event began with an enthusiastic performance by the association, Kalah. To mark the presence of the Almighty

and his blessings, lighting of the lamp was done by all the dignitaries. The chief guest for the event was Mr Samuel Prakhar James, a former student of St Joseph's University. The gathering and dignitaries were welcomed, and a speech was delivered by the chief guest, in which he shared his experience as the president of Hindi Parishad and highlighted the importance of unity amongst the team. To appreciate the hard work and efforts of former office-bearers the event was taken forward with the felicitation ceremony. A solo dance performance was organised, following which the investiture of the newly-elected office bearers took place. The event wrapped up with a soulful performance by the chief guest and a vote of thanks.

### State Level UG Seminar and Paper Presentation

On November 12, 2022, at Xavier Hall in the PG block, a





state-level UG seminar on the topic, “Research and Critical Thinking Amongst Students” was held. The event started at 10:30 am with a prayer song by Mr Satish, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi. There were a great number of participants and a big audience. All nine core-committee members and volunteers followed the theme of formal attire. In the inauguration, the dignitaries, President, and Vice-President poured water in the plant and started the seminar. A welcome speech was given by Dr Sajida Ahmed, the Head of Department. Dr Hasan Pathan, Assistant Professor, gave a small brief on the seminar and related topics. Mr Satish introduced the guest, Dr Raju S Bagalkot, who enlightened the audience on the importance of Hindi, career options, and the seminar topic. After her speech, Mr Satish delivered the vote of thanks. At 11:30 am there was a tea break, followed by the paper presentations, which continued till 3:00 pm with a lunch break in-between. Dr Sajida honoured the guest with a shawl and

garland, after which the winners were announced and awarded with cash prizes. Suchetana from St Joseph’s University came first, followed by Tatasat from Christ University, and Harsh from St Francis College. The participants’ certificate was distributed, followed by a quick photo-session, and the event was concluded by Dr Hasan with the vote of thanks.

### **International Hindi Diwas**

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

### **Kavita Sandhya**

On January 23, 2023, the Hindi Parishad celebrated Parakram

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





## DEPARTMENT OF KANNADA

### Kannada Rajyotsava 2022

On November 1, 2022, Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated in the Main Auditorium. The programme began with a song of devotion to the state, Nadageethe. The song was followed by a welcome speech by a student and a speech from Dr Hanumantharayappa SB, Head of the Kannada Sangha. The event was inaugurated through the presentation of a video, a welcome song, and dance performances. A video introducing the chief guest, Dr Prasanth Chakravarthy was played, followed by his speech. He was then felicitated by Fr Francis Almeida, SJ, of the Campus Ministry. Performances from J Street Crew, Naraka, a dance from the North-East Association, Team Mrityunjaya, and a martial arts display followed. Songs were sung by the students of the Kannada department. Fr Francis Almeida, SJ, addressed the gathering, followed by the students' folk dance performances, including Yakshagana, Veeragase, Bharatanatyam, a tiger-faced dance, Huli from coastal

Karnataka and a ramp walk. The vote of thanks and the beats of the tamate concluded the event.

### Inauguration of Association Activities for 2022-23

On September 30, 2022, the inauguration of the Kannada Sangha was organised at Xavier Hall. The chief guest for the event was radio jockey, presenter, vlogger and theatre actor, Mr R J Pradeep. The event was graced by Fr Francis D Almeida, SJ, the Campus Minister, Dr Eraiah Hampapura, Head of the Kannada Department, and Dr Hanumantharayappa S B, the convenor of Kannada Sangha. The committee members took

an oath to discharge their responsibilities faithfully.

### Sanchalana 2022-23

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







## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

### Dr Poornima B N

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

### Dr Eraiah Hampapura

Presented a paper at a National seminar on ‘Prasthuta samijika vidhyamanagalige kannada sahithya avalokana hagu parivarthane’ entitled “TA. RA.SU. Kadambarigalalli Mahila Chinthane” organised by the Department of Kannada, Niranthara Sahithya Vedhike

Published a book chapter entitled “TA.RA.SU. avara samajika kadambarigalalli stree samvedane” in the book Nelapaduke (Vimarsh),

edited by Madesh N, and published by Prathidhvani Prakashana, Bangalore. ISBN:978-93-93640-03-1.page No.60.,2022

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

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

### Dr Poornima S

Published a book titled Mahilaa Samvedhane: Hosa Saadhyathegalu with editorship ISBN-989-91-93992-06-1.

### Dr Hanumantharayappa S B

Presented a paper titled “Anupama niranjan avara Kadambarigalalli

Udyoga mattu Mahile” at a two-day National Conference organised by the Department of Kannada, Sindhi College of Degree, Bangalore-24, on August 25 and 26, 2022.

Presented a paper titled “Adigara Kavyadalli Bandaya” at a one-day International Conference organised by the Department of Kannada, Diamond College of Management and Science, Bangalore, in collaboration with America Basava Balaga on October 17, 2022.

Contributed a chapter titled “Uru Keriylagina Nannuru” for a book titled Nela Paaduke, an anthology by Dr Madesh N, published by Prathidhawni Prakashana, Bengaluru with ISBN Number 978-93-93640-03-1.

Contributed a chapter titled “Bandaya Kavithe Ondhu Vishleshane” for a book titled Nela Paaduke, an anthology by Dr Madesh N published by Prathidhawni Prakashana, Bengaluru with ISBN Number 978-93-93640-03-1.

Published a book titled Jalagannadi (A Critique) with the ISBN Number 978-93-93398-01-7. The book was published by CVG India, Bengaluru.

Directed a play, Smashana Kurukshetra written by national poet Kuvempu involving around 25 students which was performed at the University Auditorium with an audience of 450 students.

Directed a play, Smashana Kurukshetra written by National poet Kuvempu involving around 35 students, which was performed during a competition organised by “Ranga Saurabha,” a state level cultural fest at Ravindra Kalakshetra, Bengaluru



## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

### National Conference

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

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

spaces, with deliberations on speculative fiction, narratives in video games, as well as a return to the graphic medium. Offline sessions of the conference, which began on March 23, saw participation from external institutions and independent scholars who attended plenaries and workshops, and delivered paper presentations.

Plenaries involved writers, academicians and creative practitioners. Appupen and Falah Faisal had a conversation on the emergence of graphic narratives in India, a topic which was later critically examined by Dr Preetha Vasan. Gautam Shenoy and Vinayak Varma participated in a panel discussion on the status of speculative fiction in South Asia. The conversational mode of these plenaries gave an opportunity for open discussion and questions from the audience. The workshops were very interactive and activity-based. The conference and its components hinged on the idea that narratives evolve into newer forms when interacting

with digital media, including the way that the consumers respond to and receive newer media. For instance, the reactions to digital art gradually built a more conducive environment for online art as described by Ms Sreejita Biswas, a digital artist who operates under the pseudonym Solo.

Eight workshops were hosted during the conference, with one on QAMRA and archiving. RP Amudhan hosted two sessions of his mobile phone filmmaking workshop titled “When Ordinairiness Transcends Margins”. Ms Drishti Rakhra conducted her workshop on “Reading Queer Domesticities”. Dr Arul Mani investigated “Flash Guerdon” while Mr Vinayak Varma hosted a workshop on “Illustration in Speculative Fiction”. A workshop on fanfiction by Ms Cynthia Nirmala Rajah took place on the second day of the conference which ended with Ms Vismaya Vishwa’s workshop on “Instamacy”. The final workshop of the conference titled





“Recasting Film: Responding to Caste in Popular Cinema” was organised by Ms Vijeta Kumar.

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

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

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

### Dr Arul Mani

Conducted a two-day Public Policy Writing Workshop at IIT Mumbai

in August 2022, November 2022, and January 2023.

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

Conducted a Spelling Bee contest for *Deccan Herald*.

### Mr Chinnappa B G

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

### Dr Lillykutty Abraham

Co-wrote a paper with Krishna Prabha V P titled “The Angst of the Dehumanised: Ubuntu for Solidarity,” in *The Journal of International Women’s Studies*, Vol. 24, No. 4, 2022.

### Ms Vismaya V

Published a paper titled “Memory as Resistance: A Study on the Literary Importance of New Forms of Representation in Confronting and Commemorating the Experiences of Genocide” in Special issue (2022): *Journal of Kurdistan for Strategic Studies* (E-ISSN: 2790525-X P-ISSN: 27905268).

### Ms Vijeta Kumar

Published a book chapter titled “Two for one” in the book *Yaari:*

*An Anthology on Friendship by Women and Queer Folx*, ISBN 9789382579168, January 2023.

Published a short fiction titled “My Grandmother’s Magic Blouse” in the book *Identity: The Helter Skelter Anthology of New Writing*, Vol. 7, September 2022.

Published a paper titled “Taking the leap” in the book *VISIBLE/INVISIBLE: Representation of Women in Art through the MAP Collection*, ISBN-13: 978-81-957576-0-2, March 2023.

Published a paper titled “Self-made vs Self-respect: The Politics of Belonging in Zoya Akhtar’s Films” in the book *ReFocus: The Films of Zoya Akhtar*, Edinburgh University Press, ISBN Hardback: 9781474476416, August 2022.

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

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

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

#### **Dr Revathi Suresh**

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

#### **Dr Achuth A**

Co-edited the book titled *Reimagining Marginality: Exploitation, Expression, Experience*, with Mohan Dharavath (ISBN 978-93-5529-353-4), published by Authors Press, 2022.

Co-wrote the Introduction to *Reimagining Marginality: Exploitation, Expression, Experience*, with Mohan Dharavath (ISBN 978-93-5529-353-4), published by Authors Press, 2022, pp. 7-15.

Published a chapter titled "From the Pinnacle of Idealism to the World of Reality: The Ezhava Question and the Interdining Feast at Cherai, May 1917", in *Reimagining Marginality: Exploitation, Expression, Experience*, with Mohan Dharavath (ISBN 978-93-5529-353-4), published by Authors Press, 2022, pp 261-282.

#### **Dr Md Tauseef Qamar**

Co-authored a paper titled "Mobile Learning Determinants that Influence Indian University Students' Learning Satisfaction During COVID-19" in a Scopus indexed journal International Journal of Continuing

Engineering Education and Life-Long Learning (ISSN: 1560-4624 eISSN: 1741-5055), pp 245-268.

#### **Ms Nirmala Rajah Cynthia**

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

#### **Ms Nadika Nadja**

Ms Nadika Nadja published an article titled "Transformation on the big screen: Queer themes in Indian cinema in The Hindu:Frontline in June 2022.

Published an article titled 'Dique Glossia: Speaking the queer language' in Deccan Herald in September 2022.

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

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

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

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

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

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

### **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

#### **The Literary Society**

#### **META 2023**

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

The festival hosted flagship contests such as the Prof. T. R. H. Peck Memorial Lecture Contest, the Nicholas Parsons Trophy for JAM, and the St Joseph's University Prize for the Personal Essay, formerly the Prof. Barbra Naidu Prize for the Personal Essay. The festival also hosted the T. G. Vaidyanathan Film Review Contest, the Fr Hedwig Da Costa Memorial Shakespeare Elocution Contest, as well as two quizzes, Bookends and Ott-aku. In addition, the festival consisted of





engaging workshops conducted by Dr Arul Mani, Ms Vijeta Kumar, Ms Nikhita Thomas, as well as notable writers Ms Amulya Shruti, and Ms Nisha Susan.

The schedule also featured conversations with renowned writers Ms Khyrunnisa, Ms Paromita Vohra, Mr Vasudhendra, and Mr Jugal Mody, alongside a series of discussions with alumni such as Ms Shefali Mathew, Ms Zenisha Gonsalves, and Ms Ila Ananya. Furthermore, theatre artist Ms Mallika Prasad delivered an interactive lec-dem on her life in theatre. A student panel of the Department's students in collaboration with members of the Literary Society at Mount Carmel College offered insights into how young women learnt to exist and navigate spaces, while another student contribution was the Public Communications exhibit brought out by students of MA English. Additionally, a demonstration on how ChatGPT could influence quizzing was delivered.

The next edition of META will be held in August 2023.

### **METONYM 2022**

The 9th edition of Metonym, the inter-class literary championship was conducted from September 29 to October 8, 2022. The five associations of the Department of English came together to host events in writing, performance, quizzing, and art. A total of 13 events were held.

The theme of Metonym 2022 was 'Grooving On', an extension from last year's theme - 'On your Feet'. The theme symbolised moving on from a pandemic-stricken world



and going back to the offline world again after two years of online learning.

The Literary Society conducted three events: Takedown, Fandom Menace and the Art Essay. Takedown involved writing three paragraphs to take down an overrated topic. Here, it was either chicken biriyani or Instagram. Fandom Menace encouraged participants to bring together literary/fictional characters and spin their own story based on a line about an excellent meal of boiled potatoes. Art Essay sought to combine the two different skills of illustrating and writing based on the prompt: 'Staying at Home.'

SJU Nous, an association that encourages conversations around media and culture held three events: Nose Cut, Counterpoint, and News Reading. Nose Cut saw multiple personalities such as Bappi Lahiri, President Xi Jinping, Winnie the Pooh, Roger Federer, Rashmika, and Rahul Gandhi come together in the same room and ask each other questions. Counterpoint involved coming up with a response to controversial statements from books or famous quotations. News Reading tested participants' ability to read the news while a distraction committee danced, sang, and performed all sorts of nonsense to interrupt their flow.

The SJU Linguistics Society conducted two events: What's The Good Word? - a word game that encouraged participants to think outside the box and Spelling Bee, an event that saw two rounds - the first one involving clues about cinema and film making while the other was held in the standard spelling bee format.

The Performing Arts Society held two events: JAM aka Just A Minute where students spoke about various topics for a minute with no hesitation, no deviation, and no repetition; and Bhoot Polish where participants recounted a horror story accompanied by flashing lights and music from a ukelele.

The SJU Quizzers conducted two events: 20 Questions - a quiz whose questions were incredibly random and saw participants racking their brains while trying to guess the answer and the Freshers Quiz which was one meant for the first years of both the undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

The valedictory was held on October 8, 2022. The rolling trophy was won by III EJPB, with I MA ENG coming in second and II MA ENG coming third.



### Writing Desk

“What does writing mean to you?” – This was the question that sparked the inauguration of the Writing Desk in November 2022. As people started talking openly about their relationships with writing, the chilly Bangalore weather that had been hanging over room A314 slowly dissipated. Ms Cynthia, who conducted Writing Desk, spoke about her complex yet loving connection with writing. During the session, students shared how writing is often a space of vulnerability, honesty and the expression of the self. These discussions illustrated how writing 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 can be synonymous with love. The participants also talked about how writing may be used to archive and navigate memories, including false memories and intense emotions like grief.

The second session of Writing Desk held on Friday, January 20, 2023 had students turning up in staggering numbers, brought together by their love for writing. Ms Cynthia talked about the magic of making mistakes and that it is

completely fine to feel that our writing is terrible. All good writers always complain about their writing not being good enough. The students were given two prompts to work on: a letter to someone you don't talk to anymore, and colours of people in your life. The participants captured the mundane such as untied shoelaces, butterflies, and clouds among other things very beautifully in their write-ups. The listeners found pieces of themselves in the others' writings.

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



the coffee very graciously prepared for them by Bookworm.

### The Linguistics Society

#### SAMæntiks 2023

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

The 3-day extravaganza started with the prompt for the Mother Language Essay Contest that celebrated the beauty of languages and cultures by providing a platform for writers to express themselves in their native tongue. The competition boasted participation from quite a few colleges from other states. Participants in the Stan-fiction Contest looked at the evolution of language by rewriting a piece in Gen-Z lingo. The Letter Designing Contest was a visual delight, with participants showcasing their calligraphy skills and artistic creativity. Spellunked had the participants and the other attendees scrambling to create as many words as possible from a given set of letters. In Trigger



Lee, participants tried to defend the existence of some words, and argued why certain words and phrases like “Hello” should not exist with great glee. Punnykuty saw participants making puns in stressful situations. Zine making invited them to design colourful, creative zines based on the prompt “Summery”. In JAM, students had to speak without hesitation and repetition about the assigned topic, albeit with a linguistic constraint like the first five words of their JAM speech being the words of a song. Quizzers had to decode cryptic clues in the quickest time possible in Wordnik, Amor and Tongues and Weird-E-Alam. These were challenging events that had the participants flexing their linguistic muscles and showing off their problem-solving skills.

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

### Nous

2022-23 was a big year for SJU NOUS. Programmes for the semester were kick-started with



the Social Justice Film Festival, organised in collaboration with renowned documentary filmmaker R P Amudhan. Held over the course of two days, the Social Justice Film Festival saw over 15 documentaries screened, dealing with themes such as the Partition, the effects of caste in our country, the treatment of refugees and more. Several other filmmakers such as Basav Biradar and Bani Singh were also in attendance.

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

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

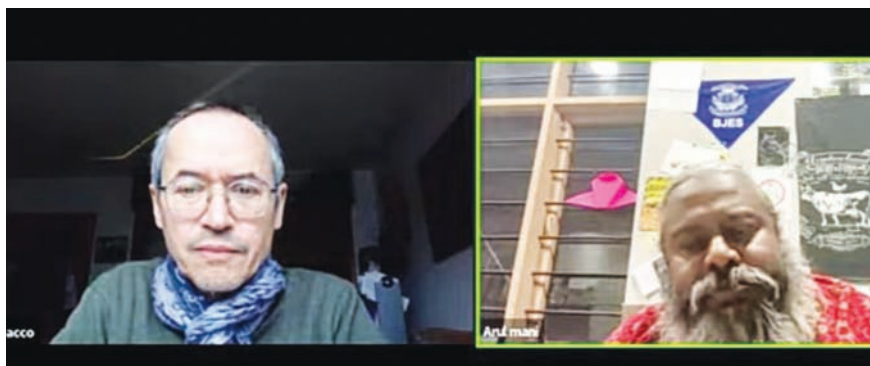
Gautam Shenoy and Rasheed Kappan. The festival ended with Dr Arul Mani in conversation with graphic novelist Joe Sacco. An extremely excited audience joined online to partake in a conversation on the art of telling stories differently. Blue Pencil 2023 ended on an emotional yet cheerful note with plans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

### The Performing Arts Society

#### Intramural 2022

Intramural is an intra-collegiate theatre festival conducted by the Performing Arts Society under the School of Languages at St Joseph’s University. The 5th edition of Intramural was a week-long string of events from November 14-19, 2022, which attracted students from all streams and years.

Dr Arul Mani, while inaugurating the programme, expressed his hearty congratulations to all those who had spent their time and energy in organising the event and rightly mentioned that at Intramural, the “prize is participation”. Certificates were awarded to the winning participants for each event or competition.





Each event was conducted at 1 pm first and then again at 4 pm to accommodate students of different shifts. Jaali Good, a spontaneous test for the translator within, was won by Sneha of I TPY and Ananya of I MCS.

Oneday Ondu Aasey, a perfect blend of two of the three – acting, singing and dancing - was won by Surya Saathi of III TEP and Jason Immanuel Solomon of I TPY.

Pose with Rose was a creative tribute to Indian cinema and the art of impersonation. The winners were Jason Immanuel Solomon of I TPY and Surya Saathi of III TEP.

Tappang, a theatrical tapping of the performer within, was won by Ajay, Isha, Anjali, and

Enoch, and the group composed of Prashant, Rashmi, Nandhu, Dilpan, Shaun Allen.

Still Moving Pictures was won by Varun, Nikita, Abhipsa, Auren, Christine and by Yukta, Gahana, Nayana, Sanjana, Anjana, Erin.

Just-A-Minute (or JAM), a testament to the saying that the gift of gab is not one to be taken lightly and was won by Varun.

Intramural served as a great platform for students to showcase their talents and inspire many others to be a part of the wonderful world of the performing arts.

### Upstage

The fourth edition of The Josephite Theatre Festival,

Upstage, happened from April 13-15. The festival was organised by the Department of English and The Performing Arts Society. The festival began with the inauguration and the Dean of the School of Languages addressed the gathering. Students from various colleges took part in the intercollegiate theatre festival that was composed of events like short play, Scenematic, Mime, Street play and Long Plays.

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

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

Day 2 of Upstage began with Scriptor, a discussion where script writers shared their inspiration of the script with the judges. The next event was Mime. SSMRV shocked the crowd with their performance. St Claret's performance was about the love animals have for humans and moved the audience. Long plays were performed by the students of the II MA English of St Joseph's University. The







first play combined the ideas of Greek Gods and the importance of forests and freedom. The second play was called and lived up to its name, “Hunger Strike”.

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

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

### SJU Quizzers

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

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

Guesstapo is our online open quiz that occurs on the last Saturday of every month. This quiz aimed to share the joy for quizzing with participants from outside Bangalore. It was set by Dr Arul Mani in a cryptic format to deter any unquizzing-like spirit. We ran two Guesstapo quizzes.

Tie Grab 2023, the quizzing

festival, ran from February to April, in collaboration with the Literary Society, Nous, and The Linguistic Society. The event started on February 11, 2023 with OTTaku, our television and OTT quiz, and Bookends, a book quiz sponsored by Bookworm. This was in collaboration with the Literary Society for Meta 2023 - The Josephite Festival of Literature.

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

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



## International Conference on English Teaching: A Report

'Communing towards a pedagogy of hope and transformation', an international conference on English Teaching, was held on June 8th, 9th, and 10th in the De Nobili Hall, St Joseph's University. The event brought together educators, scholars, and professionals from various fields to explore learning through teaching.

The conference began with Ms Vijetha, of the Department of

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

Dr Arul Mani said that a key objective of the conference

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

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

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

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT

### Inauguration Ceremony

On November 26, 2022, the Department of Samskruta of St Joseph's University, organised its inaugural ceremony 'Samskruta Tarangini' under the guidance of Mr Prasanna SB, Head of the Department. The event aimed to initiate programmes presented by the Samskruta department for the academic year 2022-2023. Chief guests for the event were Mr Ramachandra N U, Assistant Professor of Samskruta, and Dr Shivakumara DC, Assistant

Professor of Kannada at Jain (Deemed to be University).

The programme began with an invocation song along with the lighting of the lamps by the guests and staff coordinator. Mr Ramachandra spoke about the benefits of learning Samskruta and its role in improving students' lives. The talk featured a presentation regarding the Vedas, as well as other applications of the language. Dr Shivakumara DC addressed the audience regarding the importance of

literature, and the need to ensure that future citizens do not lose out on their language and culture. Mr Prasanna SB spoke of the importance of Samskruta, and the role played by an individual in saving their culture and literature by practising it. The speech was followed by a question and answer session. The guests were given tokens of gratitude, which preceded a cultural programme organised by the students. The event was concluded after the yearly plan was presented and the vote of thanks was given.







## DEPARTMENT OF TAMIL

### TAMIL SANGAM

#### Inauguration

The inauguration of the Tamil Sangam association for the academic year 2022-23 took place in Xavier Hall on September 13, 2022. The chief guests for the event were Dr CA Rodriguez Maria Sahayaraj and Dr Melwin Colaco. The programme started with Tamil Thaa Vazhthu, and a welcome speech. The chief guests lit the lamp followed by Ms Arockia Mary, the coordinator of Tamil Sangam and the office bearers, after which a traditional Bharatanatyam dance was performed. The chief guests addressed the gathering, rendering a valuable speech. The

ceremony came to an end with a vote of thanks.

#### Pongal Celebration

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

place, including Oyilaattam, Karagattam, Puliyaattam and Silambaattam, a music band performance, a stage-play and folk dances. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks and festival greetings to the audience.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

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







# SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY



### **Coordinator Department of Sociology: Dr Maria**

The Department of Sociology has, with a highly professional and trained Board of Studies, updated the syllabus of both the SJC and SJU curricula. New discipline-specific core papers and Open Elective Papers have been introduced.

The department organised a webinar on “Understanding Digital Sociology: Gender Harassment and Online Movements”. The event was conducted on Microsoft Teams.

The speaker of the webinar was Mr Meghjit Sengupta, an MPhil Research Scholar, and Junior Research Fellowship attainer. The event was informative and enlightening, showcasing the broad scope of sociology and its different branches. Over 150 participants belonging to different shifts and combinations attended the event. Topics discussed included gender, online trolling and harassment, how to deal with online hate, and how to cultivate a safe digital space and be part of the solution in this increasingly modern digital

world. The event concluded with an informative question-and-answer session towards the end.

The next event was a talk on “Freedom from Prejudice/ Humanism at the Core of Religiosity” on October 10, 2022, in Xavier Hall, PG Block. The speaker for the event was Mr Vipin Tripathi, a peace activist, and physicist who currently works on developing grassroots registers against communalism. During his speech, he talked about how to be a complete or total human being through principles: being truthful, having





open-mindedness, having honest earnings, and above all, being a kind and caring human being. He also urged the listeners to recognise people, not by their gender or religion but as human beings. He also took note of a few historical facts in his speech, mentioning the achievements of Mahatma Gandhi against British Colonialism in India.

The Department organised a socio-cultural fest for

undergraduates of SJU on Diversity and conducted research paper presentations.

The department conducted a short film-making competition on “Various Social Issues of the Present Society” on March 7 and 8, 2023. The event was well received by the students.

### **SOCIAL ZEST**

Association from the Department of Sociology and Industrial Relations  
Staff Coordinator: Dr Maria A.

Beginning the new academic year 2022 – 2023 with full vigour and enthusiasm, the association from the Department of Sociology and Industrial Relations - Social Zest first conducted the Inauguration. The event was conducted on October 8, 2022, in Xavier Hall, PG Block. It was organised by Dr Maria, Assistant Professor of the Department of Sociology and Teacher Coordinator of Social Zest, and Ms Isha Nair, the Student Coordinator and President of Social Zest from III EPS. The venue was filled with almost 250 students including faculty and association members. The event started after the arrival of the Chief Guest and speaker Mr HK Moulesh, the founder and secretary of the Bangalore University Sociology Teachers’ Association. The event also showcased an array of cultural programmes including a traditional Bharatanatyam performance, a soothing music performance, and a skit combined dance performance on the topic: “Acid Attacks on Women and Girls”. The programme ended







with pictures being taken by the office bearers and the faculty.

Social Zest hosted an interactive event called “Eye to I” which was conducted on October 28, 2022, at Arrupe Block Atrium. The main aim of the activity was to enable the students to look in the mirror and write a few things about themselves or anything that comes to their mind first when they look in the mirror. The activity is based on the concept of CH Cooley’s Theory - Looking Glass Self. There was eager participation from almost 250 students. The main agenda of the activity was to encourage people to look into the mirror and allow themselves a moment for self-reflection to truly think about how they view themselves and how the ideas that they have about themselves are formed by different sources like other people’s opinions and social media.

The association also hosted The Core Committee Badge Ceremony where Dr Maria A presented the eagerly anticipated badges to the Core Committee Members of Social Zest. The occasion signalled the member’s official investiture into office, a moment long desired by all.

Apart from the members, a group of 15 individuals, including the members’ classmates and supporters were present to

watch the event. The 30-minute intimate ceremony ended with a group photo and Dr Maria A’s wishes to the office bearers.



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**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY & INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

**SOCIAL ZEST & IR FORUM**

~ PRESENTS ~

Time	Topic	Presenter
11:45 a.m. to 01:00 p.m.	Freedom from Prejudice / Humanism at the core of Religiosity	Speaker : Prof. Vipin Tripathi
10th October Monday	Venue: XAVIER HALL, PG BLOCK	Plasma Physicist and a Peace Activist from India. Ph.D. - IIT Delhi in 1971. Served as a Lecturer at IITD for 5 years. Professor of physics IIT Delhi.

**Talk for students of  
Sociology**

Teacher Coordinator :  
Dr. Maria - 9964812929

Student Coordinator :  
Isha Nair- 8547120828





## DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

### Events conducted by the Department

The Department of Psychology and Counselling organised a week-long experiential workshop on Group Therapy for second-year MSc Counselling Psychology students starting on August 29, 2022, in the Loyola Hall and Faber Hall of the Auditorium block, St Joseph's University, Bangalore. The sessions were facilitated by two experienced industry experts, group counsellors and trainers Ms Nandita Moreira and Ms Princy Jain. The event was coordinated by faculty members Ms Neeta Pereira, Dr Madhurini Vallikad and Ms Ami Joshi from the Department of Psychology and Counselling. Students had hands-on experience in group therapy. They reported that the session helped them harness and improvise their therapeutic skills.

A faculty development programme was conducted over three days starting from August 29, September 7, and from

September 14, 2022, on Research Supervision and APA Formatting in Board Room A409, Arrupe Block, SJU. The sessions were conducted by Dr Anaurene Roy. Nuances of supervising postgraduate students for their research dissertations and research formatting requirements for publication of student research were highlighted during the sessions. The faculty members were then oriented to the essentials of supervising research for postgraduate students.

A presentation and discussion on Mood Disorders for postgraduate students of Psychology were conducted on October 6, 2022, at Loyola Hall. The session was facilitated by Dr Madhurini Vallikad in association with the college counsellors Ms Jissna Mathew and Ms Maria Senora. The session covered the contemporary viewpoints on mood disorders with particular emphasis on the DSM-5 and ICD-10 criteria for mood disorders and entailed discussions on present-day management and treatment modalities available

for the same. Students actively engaged in discussions on the formulation of cases with mood-related problems.

A two-hour case conference session for postgraduate students was conducted on October 7, 2022, at Loyola Hall. The session discussed a case of mood disorder currently attended by the counsellor, Ms Maria Senora Sukumar. The students were briefed about the formulation and therapeutic practices relevant to the said case. The case presentation was followed by a discussion where postgraduate students of MSc Counselling Psychology and faculty from the department of Psychology actively engaged in dialogues about contemporary treatment and management protocols for mood-related disorders.

Faculty member Dr Anaurene Roy delivered a guest lecture on Plagiarism and Predatory Journals for first-year postgraduate students on November 2, 2022, in Room N207. The lecture was addressed





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CONSILIUM  
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"PLAY DAY"

It's **OKAY** to  
take a **BREAK**

FRIDAY | ARRUIPE BLOCK  
09 SEP '22 | 1 PM ONWARDS

Convenor - Athira

Contact  
Isaac 95000 81235

by Dr Fr S Xavier, SJ, Director of Research, St Joseph's Research Institute. The lecture outlined plagiarism in research and the ethics to be followed in the publication of research. Students were briefed about the importance of avoiding self-plagiarism, and the intricacies of navigating through the research and publication process, and cautioned against approaching predatory publishing houses.

Another two-hour case conference session for

postgraduate students was conducted on January 13, 2023, at Xavier Hall, Post Graduate and Research Centre, St Joseph's University, Bangalore. The session discussed a case attended by the counsellor, Ms Maria Senora Sukumar. The students were briefed about the formulation and therapeutic practices relevant to the said case. The case presentation was followed by a discussion where

postgraduate students of MSc Counselling Psychology and

faculty from the department of Psychology actively engaged in dialogues about contemporary treatment and management protocols.

A workshop on "Theory to Practice" by Dr Ratna Issac was held on January 20, 2023, from 2 pm to 4 pm in the AV Room in Arrupe Block. It was coordinated by Dr Madhurini Vallikad. Dr Ratna discussed the different aspects of theory and counselling experience. It was a great amalgamation of reflective activities, case study exercises, and a brief theoretical orientation. The session was constructed in a way that was interactive, participatory, and reflective. An open space was given at the end of the event to voice opinions and clarify doubts.

### Department Association Reports

The Consilium Association under the Department of Psychology and Counselling hosted an event Mixers on September 5, 2022, with the aim that fresher students of MSc Counselling Psychology could acquaint themselves with the modalities of the course and college. They could get to know one another and ask their course seniors about the same. The faculty coordinator for the event was Ms Grace Maria Jochan.

Consilium Association, under the Department of Psychology and Counselling, hosted a Teacher's Day Celebration event on September 6, 2022, for all our beloved teachers of the psychology department. The event took off on a smooth note with the students presenting a beautiful musical piece.

Consilium Association, under the Department of Psychology and Counselling, hosted an event to observe Suicide Prevention Day on September 9, 2022, from 12:50 pm to 1:50 pm. The event was named Play Day. The faculty coordinator for the event was Ms Grace Maria Jochan.

Consilium Association in association with the Sumana Association, under the Department of Psychology and Counselling, hosted a talk on Suicide Prevention delivered by Mr Nelson Vinod Moses "Spot the Signs, Save a Life". Mr Nelson spoke about recognising warning signs of suicide. The talk was held in Xavier Hall on September 12, 2022. The faculty coordinator for the event was Ms Maria Senora Sukumar.

Consilium Association, under the Department of Psychology and Counselling, organised a Mixer event for all the students registered as Active Volunteers for Consilium on September 24, 2022.

The Consilium Association under the Department of Psychology and Counselling organised various events commemorating World Mental Health Day on October 10 and 11, 2022. Events included stalls, feeling wheels, and an open mic event. A karaoke session was also organised in association with Western Music Association. The faculty coordinator for the event was Ms Grace Maria Jochan.

### IGNITED FEST 2023

On May 3, 2023, the Department of Psychology and Counselling, under the School of Humanities, in collaboration with Consilium, organised

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#Mental Health Matters

OCTOBER 10, 2022  
ARRUPPE GARDEN AREA  
STARTS AT 12:50 PM

**ACTIVITIES  
GAMES  
& so much more!**

• STUDENT CO-ORDINATOR •  
RAKSHITHA - 9036591505  
CONVENOR: ATHIRA

the Ignited fest 2023. The fest consisted of both academic projects and presentations from the undergraduate Psychology students, as well as activities for non-psychology students to take part in. First-year psychology students split into groups to make models explaining psychological theories, psychoeducational posters, and street plays depicting issues related to psychology. Second-year students put up posters explaining their statistical findings from assessments conducted as part of their practical component, and set up a psychometry stall where students

could themselves try out the assessments. Third-year students also made models explaining psychological concepts related to Abnormal Psychology and Industrial Psychology, and street plays depicting issues related to mental health. The association further organised two non-academic activities: Movie screening and Art session. For the movie screening, instead of showing the entire movie, the organisers picked scenes from well-known movies and explained the psychological concepts behind them. In the Art session, the participants could





play with clay, finger-paint, and write or draw on post-its which were then displayed for everyone to see. The fest ran from 8:45 am to 5:00 pm and was a great success.

### Staff achievements

#### Ms Nisha Menzies Rao

Published a paper titled “Risk and Problem Behaviours in Adolescence: A Review of Contributing Factors” in *Neuroquantology*, an international Scopus-indexed journal in the field of psychology.

Published a paper titled “Situating the Problem Outside of the Individual: Understanding Problem Behaviours in Adolescence from a Developmental Psychopathology Perspective.” in *Neuroquantology*, an international Scopus-indexed journal in the field of psychology.

Conducted a workshop series to spread awareness on “Substance Abuse and Physiological Maturity” for children of grades 6 to 11 at Neev Academy, Yemalur, Bangalore from January 6 to 19, 2022.

#### Dr Anaurene Roy

Invited to speak in a webinar on Sports Psychology and Mental Health organised by Garden City University on July 25, 2022.

Conducted FDP Series on Research Supervision for faculty members of the Department of Psychology and Counselling on August 24, 2022, and September 14, 2022.

Completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling Psychology in August 2022.

#### Dr Maria Wajid

Published a paper titled “Eudaimonia and Mindfulness

as Predictors of Alcohol Dependence: A Pilot Study” in *Cogent Psychology*, an international Scopus-indexed journal in the field of psychology.

#### Ms Anu John

Published a journal article titled “Thriving Post-Covid: A Manager’s Guide to Building a Workforce Resilient to Pandemics and Other Crises” in a leading corporate journal *Chemical Industry Digest*, Blockdale Media LLP Publishers.

#### Ms Grace Maria Jochan

Published paper titled “Xenophobic Attitude and Representations in Social Media During Covid-19 pandemic in India” in *Revista Conhecimento Online*, an international Scopus-indexed journal in the field of psychology.



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MSc. Counselling Psychology

### FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE



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



**FRIDAY**  
20th Jan 2023



**Venue:**  
AV Room, Arrupe block



**TIME**  
1:50 - 3:35 pm

Served as a subject matter expert in the Board of Studies for the BA Psychology course at St Joseph's College of Commerce, Bangalore on October 28, 2022.

#### Ms Shaistha Kubra

Was interviewed by Ms Zulekha Shakoor, a journalist at online news media The *Quint* and was featured in an article titled "India and Suicides: Can the new policy address the Mental

Health Pandemic Among Youth" published on November 23, 2022.

#### Ms Maria Senora Sukumar

Presented a Case of Mood Disorder in a two-hour Case Conference session for postgraduate students on October 7, 2022.

Presented case on Addictions in young adults - porn addiction at

Samagra on November 18, 2022.

Presented a Counselling Case in a two-hour Case Conference session for postgraduate students on January 13, 2023, has been interviewed by Ms Fathima Ashraf, a journalist at Times of India and was featured in an article titled "Counselling on Campus: Need of the Hour" published on January 18, 2023.

Was interviewed by Ms Fathima Ashraf, a journalist at Times of India and was featured in an article titled "Bengaluru finds a new way to deal with rage" published on February 11, 2023.

#### Student achievements

**Bhavya Subramaniyan, 20TEP036** bagged first place in an inter-collegiate fest Wild 2.0, conducted by Wildlife Awareness and Conservation Club on October 26, 2022.

**Neekita Raman, 221OEPY10** competed in 10 Metre Air Rifle Shooting Women All India Kumar Surendra Singh - Indian Shooting Team Selection

Trials. She attained top 100 in Senior Women, attained top 64 in Junior Women, and top 41 in Youth Women; Indian Team Selection Trial 1 - 146th Rank in Senior Women, Top 89 in Junior Women, Top 58 in Youth Women; Indian Team Selection Trial 2 - 127th Rank in Senior Women, Top 72 in Junior Women, Top 45 in Youth Women.





## DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Fr Francis D'Almeda, Campus Director inaugurated the activities of Spectrum for the academic year 2022-2023 on September 13, 2022. He ignited the inaugural lamp at De Nobili Hall. After the inauguration, Dr BM Chengappa, Defence Analyst delivered a special lecture on 'The Taiwan Conundrum' from 3 pm to 4:15 pm. Dr Raul Tripathi, Professor of Political Science, D.D Kosambi School of Social Science and Behavioural studies, Goa University delivered a special lecture on 'The Idea of Region in South Asia' on September 28, 2022, at De Nobili Hall.

Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor of SJU honoured the occasion of the release of the

150th Issue of "NIAS Conflict Weekly" on November 18, 2022, at De Nobili Hall. Other highlights of the day included the launch of the NIAS-SJU, Peace Innovation Programme (PIP). The events of the day were graced by the presence of chief guest Dr Subachandran, Dean of NIAS. To commemorate Constitution Day on November 26, 2022, an inter-class quiz was conducted. Of the thirty students who participated, first place and second place were claimed by Jhanvi Sharma and Shreya.

Mr Zou Zhengxin, Director Assistant, Institute of Asian Studies, Sichuan University, China delivered a special lecture on "China's Neighbourhood Policy: Special Focus on China

and South Asia" on January 23, 2023, at De Nobili Hall from 3 pm to 4:15 pm. The Department of Political Science hosted an event on January 25, 2023, with Mr Shreyas Issac gracing the occasion. He is a distinguished student who graduated from SJC and is now pursuing a master's degree at the Jindal School of International Affairs, OP Jindal Global University, Sonapat, New Delhi NCR. The highlights of the event included advice from Mr Shreyas for currently enrolled BA students of SJU on seeking admission to postgraduate courses at OP Jindal University and the prospects and opportunities of humanities students in new and emerging careers.





### Department of Political Science-UG Faculty Achievements

Dr PE Somiah, Head of the Department of English, SJU, achieved several accolades and invites to conferences. He was a panellist at a panel discussion on “Humanities: Relevance and Challenges” organised by Government First Grade College, Magadi, Ramanagar District on July 27, 2022. Dr Somiah presented a paper at the XIX Karnataka State Political Science Teachers Conference held on August 25 and 26, 2022. The event was organised by

the Karnataka Political Science Teachers Association and the Department of Political Science, Gulbarga University, Kalburgi. He was invited to deliver a lecture on “Relevance of Political Science During Present Times” at the Department of Political Science, SDM College, Ujire, Dakshin Karnataka District on November 7, 2022. Later that day, he participated in the Political Science Board of Studies Meeting organised by the Department of Political Science, SDM College as a subject matter expert. Dr Somiah is also the first author of a research paper titled “Urban Governance: A Case

Study of Bengaluru City” in Vol XIX of the *Karnataka Journal of Politics* in 2022.

In 2023, Dr Somiah was invited as an observer and chief guest for the First National Youth Parliament 2023 by the Department of Humanities, MS Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce which was organised under the National Youth Parliament Scheme Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs Government of India. The event was held at Sir M Vishweshwaraiah Auditorium at the MS Ramaiah College Campus on January 21, 2023.





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## SPECTRUM

( A forum of Politics , governance and International affairs )

present's a special lecture by

**MR ZOU ZHENGXIN**

Director Assistant, Institute of Asian Studies , Sichuan University

CHINA'S NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY:  
SPECIAL FOCUS ON CHINA AND SOUTH ASIA

**Date**  
**23/01/2023**

**Time**  
**3:45 PM**

**Venue**  
**De Noblie Hall**

**Staff Coordinator- Dr Surya Shankar Sen**

Office bearers

Student Coordinators President: Ratan Handsa  
Vice President: Aanaida Rehman & Thanushree  
Secretary: Shakthi Velan  
Joint Secretary: Teerth Narang

Student Coordinators

Annie Susan  
Satyam  
Devica Saxena  
Roopani Sood

**All are cordially invited**

### Department of Political Science-(PG)

#### Special Lectures Organised

“The Problem of Development Administration in India” by Mr V Balasubramanian, IAS (retd.), Former District Magistrate, Consultant to the Commonwealth Secretariat, London UNDP on February 7, 2023.

A special lecture, in collaboration with the Research development Cell (RDC), St Joseph's Research Institute (SJRI) on

“Feminist Methodology in Social Sciences Research” by Dr Debangana Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, Jain-Deemed to be University, Bangalore, India on February 23, 2023.

A special lecture, in collaboration with the Research Development Cell (RDC), St Joseph's Research Institute (SJRI), on “Research & Publication in Higher Education” by Dr S Xavier, Professor, St Joseph's University and Director, St

Joseph's Research Institute, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, India on March 10, 2023.

A special lecture, in collaboration with the Research Development Cell (RDC), St Joseph's Research Institute (SJRI) on “Climate Change & Natural Disasters: An Indian Perspective” by Prof KN Ninan, Senior Fellow, World Resources Institute and Lead Author, Global Environment Outlook Report, United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) on March 24, 2023.

“Development & Its Conundrums” by Dr D Jeevan Kumar, Professor of Political Science (retd.), Bangalore University, Bangalore, India on March 27, 2023.

“Discourse Analysis & Its Significance in Adivasi & Dalit Studies” by Dr Sujit Kumar, Assistant Professor, School of Development, Azim Premji University, Bangalore, India on 1 April, 2023.

“The Scope of Field-based Methods in Studying International Relations” by Dr Surya Shankar Sen, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, St Joseph's University, Bangalore, India on April 10, 2023.

#### PG Students Association Rostrum Politica Activities Organised

An interdisciplinary essay writing contest for UG and PG students on April 20, 2023.

A multidisciplinary Seminar cum Colloquium for UG and PG Students on April 24, 2023.

A multidisciplinary JAM session on May 2, 2023.



## DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

The Department of Industrial Relations through its highly trained and committed Board of Studies formulated an expansive and holistic curriculum for both SJC and SJU courses. The aim of the new discipline, specific core papers, and open elective papers included in the updated curriculum is to provide a strong foundation for any higher studies that a student might choose to pursue in the field of Industrial Relations and Management.

### Staff achievements

Mr Anuplal G, Head of the Department of Industrial Relations has delivered several guest lectures from 2022-2023. On July 1, 2022, he delivered a guest lecture to III EPS on “Legislations for Labour Welfare In India”. On August 26, he delivered a guest lecture to the National Service Scheme Volunteers of St Joseph’s

Evening College (Autonomous) on “Local History and Role of St Joseph’s College in the Indian Freedom Struggle”. On December 21, 2022, he addressed the students of St Joseph’s Pre University Evening College on “Relevance of Humanities and Commerce in Contemporary India”. Mr Anuplal has completed three years as an External Member of the Curriculum Development Cell of St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangalore, as of 2022.

Mr Anuplal was invited as a resource person for the Annual Philately and Numismatics Workshop 2022 held on November 28, 2022, for the student members of the Philatelists and Numismatics Association. He was also the resource person for the Annual Numismatics Workshop (on coins) 2023 held on January 28, 2023, and Study Class on

Postal Covers Connected with St Joseph’s University held on February 8, 2023.

Mr Anuplal has also published articles “Old Students’ Association of St Joseph’s College: Down the Ages”, “The OSA: The Many Wars They Fought”, “Some Landmark Achievements Under Different Principals: Dr Fr Joseph C Nelapathy SJ, to Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ.” in the SJU Alumni Centenary Special Newsletter, “Fide Et Labore” on February 5, 2023.

### Industrial Relations Forum

The Activities of Social Zest and Industrial Relations Forum were inaugurated on October 8, 2022, by prominent and influential sociologist, Mr HK Moulesh. At the event, he highlighted the significance of the social








sciences and emphasised the importance of industrial relations and sociology in modern life.

Dr Vipin Tripathi, prominent Peace Activist and Retired Professor of IIT Delhi addressed the members of the Industrial Relations Forum and Social Zest on various issues confronting India.

The student association of the Industrial Relations Forum led by Allen Peterson, General Secretary of Industrial Relations Forum and other council members have worked hard to bring about increased awareness and interest in the subject of Industrial Relations through several activities. Several co-curricular and extracurricular activities such as Annual Industrial Relations Quiz, extempore, sketching, cartooning, and meme making have been conducted. The Industrial Relations Forum also documents important press coverage connected to the subject in the IR Forum Wall Magazine.

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**IT UNDER WATER**


**CARTOONING COMPETATION**

ON PROBLEMS FACED BY IT INDUSTRIES DURING  
RECENT BANGALORE






**DATE:- 19/11/2022  
SATURDAY**

**VENUE:- ARUPE BLOCK  
(A008)**





## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

### Library Orientation

The Department of History organised an Orientation on Library and Information Resources for students of First year History-Sociology majors. 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

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 glorious history of its people, culture, and accomplishments. On this occasion, the Department of History and Parishodhana, the History Association of St Joseph's University, conducted a

series of vibrant events to honour the historic celebrations of India 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.' On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, from October 17 to 21, 2022, the series comprised a week's worth of exciting and creative events. Students from a variety of schools participated in each event with great zeal. This department effort allowed students to demonstrate their abilities in various fields and was eventually a successful endeavour with over 60 registrations and participants in numerous activities.

### Online Inter-Collegiate Paper Presentation Competition

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 presentation's theme was 'People and Places

Associated with Indian Freedom Struggle', which elicited a resounding response from students. This event was held to celebrate the sacrifices and efforts of the individuals and locations crucial to our nation's struggle for independence. Dr Paul Newman, Faculty from Department of History, St Joseph's University gave the welcome address, and Ms Jane D'Souza, Head of Department at SJU, Bengaluru, handled the competition. The competition was judged by Dr Nalini Sekaran, Associate Professor and Head of Department of History at Jyoti Nivas College, (Autonomous) Bengaluru, as well as Mr Mahesh DK, Faculty from Department of History at SJU Bengaluru. College students presented 22 research papers within and outside the state. The winners of the Paper Presentation Competition from St Joseph's University, Mount Carmel College and Jyoti Nivas College were compensated.





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

The very first educational tour of the department was held from January 4 to 6, 2023. Around 30 students in their III and II years of BA visited several historically significant sites in Karnataka. Bagalkote's Kudalasangama and Almatti Dam were the initial destinations. On the second day, the group witnessed the magnificence of the Chalukyan heartland, which included the Badami caverns, Aihole, and Pattadakallu. Exploring these three historic wonders allowed the students to proudly recall the accomplishments of the 6th to 8th century Chalukyan empire. The trip ended with a visit to the capital of the Vijayanagara Empire, Hampi. The students were accompanied by Ms Jane D'Souza, Head of Department of History and Ms Ann Francis,

Faculty of the Economics Department.

### **Guest Lectures**

On February 9, 2023, the Department hosted a guest lecture titled "Career Opportunities in History." Mr Rahul Yadav, a HEP Alumnus from the 2016-2019 Class, was the resource person. Currently, he is a Lecturer at the St Joseph's Pre-University College in Bangalore. He is an instructor of communicative English at AARIT Academy, an instructor of life skills at PRAJNA Foundation, and an academic counsellor at APTECH Learning. Students were exposed to numerous Humanities-related employment paths. The presentation was followed by an engaging question-and-answer session.

A guest lecture on the theme 'The Making of the Indian Constitution – A Historical Perspective' was held on March 4, 2023. The

distinguished speaker was Dr Bernard D'Sami, Retd Professor, Former HOD of History, Loyola College Chennai and Director of Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research (LISSTAR). The talk addressed the diverse perspectives and roles of the leaders involved in the creation of the Indian Constitution. The Constitution's meaning and relevance were also examined. A lively question-and-answer session centred on diverse historical viewpoints concluded the talk.

A guest lecture was organised in collaboration with Destination Heritage on the theme 'Environmental Sustainability through the lens of Ancient Wisdom' on March 23, 2023. The eminent speaker was Prof Sudha Gopinath, Retd Professor of Philosophy, Bangalore University, who currently serves as the Advisor at Destination Heritage.





Dr Sudha informed the students on the Vedic origins of Environmental Science. The highlight of the presentation was the spiritual undertone of her talk and the several examples she provided. Around hundred SJU students attended the lecture, which concluded with a very involved question and answer event that made it abundantly clear that the students found the session engaging and enlightening.

### **Workshops**

#### **Life Skills through Ancient Board Games**

A workshop was conducted in collaboration with Destination Heritage on the theme 'Leadership skills through Ancient Board Games' on April 2, 2023. The resource person was Ms Immaculate Anthony, Founder of Ima Recreations.

The purpose of the workshop was to expose students to the world of classic Indian board games, many of which are threatened with extinction since many of the country's youth are unaware of the tremendous amount of enjoyment and social connection that can be achieved through the games. The workshop was attended by 25 students across different academic streams. The session highlighted the health and social benefits of old Indian sports, such as ring catching for reflexes and Tiger and the Goat for teamwork.

#### **Modern Methods and Tools for the study and conservation of Inscriptions**

On the April 18, 2023, Mythic Society, a pioneering institution of Indic Studies, in collaboration with the Department of

Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Mysore, Government of Karnataka, organised a One-Day Workshop on the topic of 'Modern Methods and Tools for the Study and Conservation of Inscriptions.' There were a total of 36 students from the Department of History at SJU who actively engaged in the workshop. The workshop, which consisted of four sessions, primarily focused on the following topics: converting dates from the Indian Calendar system to the Gregorian Calendar system, verifying and simulating eclipses recorded in inscriptions, digital conversions of inscriptions, and reading texts of scanned inscriptions using 3D digital models.

#### **PARISHODHANA**

Parishodhana, an Association of the Department of History, held elections of its officers;





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&  
**PARISHODHANA (THE HISTORY ASSOCIATION)**

ORGANIZES

# AMBEDKAR JAYANTI 2023 - WRITTEN QUIZ

**Commemorating the birthday of  
Babasaheb Ambedkar on the occasion of  
IGNITED 2023 - School of Humanities fest**

DATE : 02. 05. 2023  
PRELIMS: 1.10 PM.  
FINALS : 3.45 PM.  
VENUE: AV ROOM,  
ARUPPE BLOCK (II FLOOR)

Staff coordinator :  
Ms. Jane D'Souza

Student coordinators :  
Divya R Reddy (III HEP) - 8310158340  
Vaishnavi Prakash Mallapur (II HEP) - 7349618988

the Association commenced its activities for the academic year 2022-2023.

The office bearers were unanimously selected for the following posts - Divya R Reddy (III BA HEP) for president, Nihal Musthaq PM (III BA HEP) for secretary, Neha Sharma & Neha SC (III BA HEP) for technical team, Vaishnavi PM & Puujita MK (II BA HEP) for core committee.

### Study Trip Cum Exhibition

On August 10, 2022, Parishodhana commenced its

activities for the academic year by organising a study trip to Vidhana Soudha in conjunction with an exhibition held by the Karnataka State Archives Department on the subject of 'Historical Records and Photography'. The Exhibition provided uncommon insights into the governance of the Princely State of Mysore at the time. As a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, the Banquet Hall of the Vidhana Soudha displayed rare images and historical documents.

Ms Jane D'Souza, Head of the History Department, joined 18 students from II and III BA to attend the exhibition. They were given a tour of the various departments within Vidhana Soudha. This legislative building's architecture was simply captivating.

### Mystery of Silence – Unfold the Mystery with History

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

### National Online Quiz

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

### Poster Competition

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

Sanjana S, P R Rachita and Usman Ali Baba from the First Year B.A. secured the First, Second and Third Place, respectively.



### **Ignited Fest 2023**

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

### **STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **Dr Paul Newman K**

Conducted a workshop for the staff of Loyola College, Kalenagrahara, Mount St Joseph’s on the theme ‘Conflict

resolution and Team building’ on November 26, 2022.

Resource person at the United Nations 15th Session of the Forum on Minority Rights Conference at Geneva, Switzerland on December 1 and 2, 2022.

Resource person on ‘Teachers role in developing social responsibilities of students’, January 10, 2023, organised by Don Bosco College, Bengaluru in collaboration with Globethics.net, Geneva, Switzerland.

Resource person for National Conference on ‘Conditions of Refugees and Statelessness in South Asia’, Loyola College, Chennai, on January 21, 2023.

Resource person for a series of guest lectures at Ignitors 2023,

St Joseph’s University, January 16 to 14, 2023.

Published a paper titled “The denial of the rights of the two Bano’s - Deprivation of Basic human rights of two innocent minority women” - Aadhar Publications, Amaravathi, December 10, 2022. ISBN-978-93-91305-83-3.

Published an article in the Routledge Handbook of Refugees in India, Edited by S.Irudaya Rajan titled “Srilankan Tamil Refugees: a voiceless, undignified existence”. ISBN-978-1-032-37456-7(hbk).

Published an article titled “Dark Days for Human Rights Activists in India” in the International Policy Digest dated 29th March 2023. <https://intpolicydigest.org/dark-days-for-human-rights-activists-in-india/>.







## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

**HOD – Ms Anita Noronha**  
**PG Coordinator – Dr Nikhil Jha**

The Department of Economics in conjunction with its student associations - Economics Forum (undergraduate) and Oikonomika (postgraduate) sections, hosted the inauguration of the academic activities for the year 2022-23 on September 14, 2022. The event was presided by Dr RS Deshpande, Former Director of the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru. Head of the Department, Ms Anita Noronha, introduced the staff coordinators of the associations - Ms Ann Francis, Dr Tulika Bhattacharya and the office bearers, following which, a brief account of the activities for the year was presented by the coordinators.

The Department of Economics conducted the first BOS meeting

under the newly constituted St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on December 15, 2022 for ratifying the syllabus prepared for the UG and PG programmes.

The Department of Economics in collaboration with the Economics forum organised a guest lecture on 'Are people born with entrepreneurship, or is there a way to learn it?' presented by Mr Vittal Ramakrishna, CEO and founder of POD & Kreate held on February 2, 2023. He is an ambassador for GINSEP (German Indian Start-up Exchange Programme). He shared his insights on becoming an entrepreneur and how an entrepreneur should adapt to changing environment. According to him, the key mantra for remarkable success in the field of entrepreneurship is to have great selling skills, and one should be able to sell their products, services or one's

brand. He ended his talk with a motivating quote - "A quitter never wins and a winner never quits."

The Department of Economics organised a two-day national conference on 'Economic growth and trajectory of health care in India-Assessing future prospects, and effective policy interventions' on March 10 and 11, 2023. Mr Clement D'Souza, Dean of Humanities, welcomed the participants and guests, Rev Fr Swebert D'Silva, the Pro-Chancellor, Rev Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, the Vice - Chancellor, addressed the gathering. Prof RS Deshpande, former director of Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru, delivered the keynote address. The conference was a resounding success where 43 research papers were presented in two days.



The research papers were from Karnataka, Goa, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. In addition to this, there were technical sessions by resource people and plenary sessions where participants presented their research papers which were chaired by academic experts from universities and government bodies. The valedictory programme was held on March 11, 2023. Mr Mahesh J, DCB Bank, Bengaluru and Mr Vineeth Kumar, Vice President, Packed Beverages - Tata Consumer Products Limited, were felicitated. Dr Keshavamurthy K, conference convener, proposed the vote of thanks.

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

### Staff Achievements

Mr Clement D'Souza: Keynote speaker at NEHU Shillong on Economics curriculum under NEP fostering holistic

development and a new knowledge landscape unfolding a new journey held on July 22, 2022. Resource person on different areas of Jesuit collaborations from August 10 to 12, 2022. Delivered a guest lecture for MBA students of SDM College, Mysore on August 17, 2022. Participated at XXIV triennial conference organised by Xavier Board at Goa in October, 2022. Resource person at St Agnes College, Mangalore, for student enrichment programme on 'Growing as a group and nurturing the bonds of community', held on November 7, 2022. Resource person at Milagris Institutions, Mangalore, for a faculty enrichment programme on the topic 'Teacher as transformative leader', held on November 7, 2022.

Ms Anita Noronha: Co-presented a research paper titled "Interdisciplinary Research in Social sciences - Study of interdisciplinary in Public Policy" in ICSSR-ERC,

sponsored National Conference on Traditional Trends and Contemporary Challenges in Business, Commerce, Humanities and Social Sciences organised by XITE college, Gamharia, held online on November 12, 2022. The article was published in the conference proceedings with ISBN: 978-93-94570-67-2

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

Dr Padmaja Pancharatnam, an article titled "Vegetable Buying Options in Bangalore -A Consumer and Retail Perspective" was published in the conference proceedings of the 28th Annual Conference, International Sustainable Development Research Society: Sustainable Development and



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Courage: Culture, Art and Human Rights in December, 2022 with ISBN: 978-91-89504-17-2. The conference took place in Stockholm (Sweden) and online from June 15 to 17, 2022.

Dr Tulika Bhattacharya presented the report on the research study titled "A Study on the Mental Health and Quality of Life of Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) in Metropolitan Cities of India" funded by the National Commission for Women (NCW), New Delhi on July 19 and December 23, 2022.

### Student Achievements

Nishat Choudhury from III CPE and Josna Jose of II MA Economics presented their research papers in the National Level Seminar on "Epitomizing Inflation Trajectory in India", organised by CMS Business School, Jain (Deemed-to-be) University on October 11, 2022. They both received the two Best Paper Awards.

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

Kerala for Entrepreneurship Development" in a National seminar titled 'Make in India and MSME sector opportunities and challenges', sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Sciences Research (ICSSR) and organised by Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous) Bengaluru, held on September 6, 2022.

Syed Mohiuddin Khadri, of II MA Economics presented a paper titled "The Impact of Technological Advancement on Socio-Economic Life of People" at a one-day international multidisciplinary e-conference organised by Jawahar Arts, Science & Commerce College, Anadur on August 4, 2022. This paper was published in the 'International Journal of Advance and Applied Research' with ISSN – 2347-7075.

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

Devesh Kumar Ray and Vishesh Yadav from I B.Sc ECST took part in 'Policy Check' Competition at Christ (Deemed to be) University fest and they won the Second prize.

### Economics Forum

**Staff Coordinator: Ms Ann Francis**

The first event of the lecture series of the Department of Economics in collaboration with Economics Forum and Oikonomika was kick-started with a guest lecture by esteemed Dr RS Deshpande, Head of the Department, Ms Anita Noronha, held on September 14, 2022. He enlightened the audience with how 'ECONOMICS' could be



an acronym defining a set of attributes or values an economics aspirant must hold dear while dealing with the discipline, along with his personal experiences as an academician, where said values directed him and his peers to reach their intended objectives.

The second event under the lecture series organised by the Department of Economics in collaboration with Economics Forum was a guest lecture on 'Economics of Fitness', delivered by Mr Vipin MK, a fitness trainer, held 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, stress and reduce sedentary behaviour. Having a healthy relationship with food is necessary.

The third event under the lecture series was on the topic - 'Telling a Data story', held on November 16, 2022. It was delivered by the eminent speaker Mr Amlesh Karnekar, Director of Academic Programmes at Meghnad Desai Institute of Economics, Mumbai. This webinar started with the

significance of skills proficiency. It covered how a data story can be represented using tools such as Microsoft Excel, Python, Algorithms, Machine Learning, Power BI, Tableau, Hadoop. It was followed by the basics of Microsoft Power BI - a Microsoft Product, an easy tool to learn which can carry out analysis and represent data in the best manner. The lecture concluded with a Q&A session which made it more fruitful.

The fourth event of the lecture series, held on January 21, 2023 was delivered by Ms Bhargavi Gopi, an alumna of SJC, on the topic 'Financial planning for college students.' She explained that financial planning has to start at an early age. One should realise their financial goals and work accordingly. There are various investment options available, one must choose their investment plan based on the financial goal they have established, risk one is willing to take, and individual age.

The Economics Forum organised a guest lecture on the topic 'Circular Economy' on February 21, 2023 delivered by Mr Supratim Bhattacharya, entrepreneur, biologist, fermentation scientist and sustainability consultant,







founding director of blank canvas & Scooby Labs. The speaker talked about how we can use our resources in such a way that they can be renewed again. With creativity and innovation we can build a better future. Circular economy is basically maximising use of resources, reducing the need for new ones, avoiding waste and increasing the life cycle of products. The resources of our planet are limited and because of this we are committed to establish the circular economy as a sustainable, future-oriented concept.

The first Economics 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 the Economics Gazette for this academic year is Lakshmi S Nair of III HEP

and Assistant Editor in chief is Nishtha Shrestha of II EMS. The edition contained articles related to Hungarian Hyperinflation, High inflation levels in Pakistan etc.

The Forum conducted a Digital Poster Making competition on October 27, 2022 on the topic 'The Effects of Global Warming on the Economy', accepting responses via google forms.

The Academic peer training team (APT) began operating at its full strength before the first mid semester exams of the odd semester and restarted after a short break for the second mid semester exams.

### **Oikonomika**

**Staff Coordinator: Dr Tulika Bhattacharya**

Oikonomika hosted a guest lecture on November 21, 2022.

Dr 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. Her observations indicated that familiarity with the profession backed by skill ensured a higher degree of quality in teaching meanwhile qualification is not a contributing factor but still remains a criteria for hiring one.

This academic year Oikonomika also started a new initiative namely 'Eco Bulletin' to write short articles on current affairs of their choice that have impacted the economy on both global and national scale.

In January 2023, an article writing competition was organised on the topic "Gen Z's cultural impact on the economy"; submissions were made online, and participants' entries were published on the association's blog.

Oikonomika hosted a guest lecture on 'Union Budget Analysis' on February 9, 2023. Dr Rajib Sutradhar, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Christ (Deemed to be University) Bengaluru, the resource person, gave his valuable insights on the Union Budget 2023-24. The lecture started with a discussion on the current status of the Indian Economy. The main highlights of the budget were covered including the changes in the new tax regime, increased capital spending and schemes for sustainable growth. It ended with a Q&A session.



## DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PUBLIC POLICY AND PEACE STUDIES

### DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

The department conducted an online seminar on Zoom on the topic of “Ongoing crisis in Sri Lanka,” chaired by Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar, Head of the Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy on October 6, 2022. Speakers: Dr Asantha Senevirathna, senior lecturer, Department of Strategic Studies at General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka; Dr Surendra Kumar, professor in Bangalore University; Dr Chakali Bramhayya, Assistant Professor, IGNTU, Amarkantak, MP.

Conducted a poster making competition in commemoration of International Day for Eradication of Poverty on October 17, 2022. Faculty

coordinators - Dr Anitha V, Dr Parvathy Poornima. A special lecture on the topic, “Democracy and Internet shutdowns in India: A Policy Perspective” was conducted by Dr Harsha S, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Assam University on October 21, 2022.

Hosted Young Scholars Seminar, an event part of the Student Association for Global Affairs, inaugurated by Dr Suba Chandran, Dean of the School of Conflict & Security Studies, NIAS. Attended by 50 participants from across 12 institutions for debate & paper presentations on October 28, 2022.

The Department in association with Ekam Sat Trust hosted a book discussion of the book *Discovering New India* by A Ravindra and Priyanca Mathur chaired by Dr Anitha

V on November 14, 2022. The Department celebrated Constitution Day with students presenting speeches, documentary screening and distributing Preamble cards in the campus on November 26, 2022. The Department, in the presence of Mr Clement D’Souza, Dean of the School of Humanities, along with Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar, Head of Department, launched the Student Association ASPIRE during the JIP Meet & Greet attended by all students of the Department on February 15, 2023.

On behalf of the department, ASPIRE conducted SJU-NIAS Lecture Series on International Relations on India and Central Asia’s Measure to Strengthen Cooperation by Batyr-Mukhammad Karagulov, coordinated by Dr Anitha V, Dr Karamala Areesh





Kumar and students on February 20, 2023. The Department will be holding a Workshop on International Relations convened by Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar and coordinated by Alka Bala to help equip students of the Department with better clarity on the subject and their future. The speakers included:

Dr SY Surendra Kumar - Bangalore University, speaking on Rise of Asia and the World Order.

Dr Anurag Tripathi - Christ University, speaking on Diplomacy and Foreign Policy in the 21st Century. Dr Shalini B - Christ University, on Geopolitics in Contemporary World.

Dr Debangana Chatterjee - Jain University, on Gender in International Relations.

Dr Shreejita Biswas - St Joseph's University, on Significance of Theory in International Relations

### STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar

Invited as a guest speaker for One Year of NIAS Europe Studies, hosted by National

Institute of Advanced Studies on October 14, 2022. Invited for a guest lecture on the session "The Idea of India: A Constitutional Perspective " at St Paul's College, Bengaluru held on November 29, 2022. Attended, presented, and took part in the discussions in the Second Indo-German Dialogue on Global Strategic Landscape 2022 conducted by the National Institute of Advanced Studies, along with the final year students

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Yasmin Daniel** presented a paper on Climate Migration at Young Scholars Seminar at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

**Vikram Singh Jamwal** presented a paper titled "China-Taiwan conflict: a flashpoint during an ongoing war" at Young Scholars Seminar in St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

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

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

**Larissa Clitus** published an article titled 'Analyzing India's Stand on Russia Ukraine Crisis: Walking the Tightrope' in the web-journal Samwad World.

#### Alka Bala

Presented a paper on "Indian Maritime Policy: In the Backdrop of Indo-Pacific Geopolitics" in Young Scholars Seminar at St Joseph's University and won 'best paper' on October 28, 2022.

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

**Sarah Amlan** presented a paper on "Panda Diplomacy in China" in Young Scholars Seminar at St Joseph's University on October 28, 2022.

**Sayeka** presented a paper on "China's future domination on the world's stage" in Young Scholars Seminar at St Joseph's University on October 28, 2022.



**Shehnaz** presented a paper on “Understanding the Sri Lankan Crisis: Role of IMF and World Bank” in Young Scholars Seminar at St Joseph’s University on October 28, 2022.

**Nuha and Unnikrishnan** won second place in the event, “Call it Conundrum”, in the Christ College Public Policy Fest on September 28 and 29, 2022.

**Sayani** presented a paper on “Crimes against Kurds: Five reasons why it is still continuing” at Young Scholars Seminar at St Joseph’s University on October 28, 2022, and at the Pondicherry Conference on November 3, 2022.

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

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

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

**Hanna Sunny** published an article titled, “Space Race – War Beyond the Karman Line” in *Samvada World*, October 11, 2022.

**Prajwal TV** published an article titled, “India’s maritime security policy for Indian Ocean Region and Indo-Pacific” in *Samvada World*, November 9, 2022.

**Cris Fernando Anand Perez** published an article titled, “Formation of QUAD and India’s interests”, in *The Kootneeti*, September 27, 2022.

**Ananya Dubey** published an article titled, “BRI – China’s agenda and Implications on developing countries” in *Samvada World*, September 19, 2022. WEDDING

**Kritika Mondal** published an article titled, ‘A Glance at Afghanistan after Taliban War: A

State of Broken Democracy’ *The Kootneeti*, January 24, 2023.

**Peddi Sai Kaushik Reddy** presented a paper “Multiple Crises in Sri Lanka” at Young Scholars’ Seminar 2022 in St Joseph’s University, on October 28, 2022.

**Preeti Serafina** participated in NCC- CATC-II/RDC-I at Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Residential School, Gajaladinne Village, Kolar Taluk from October 13, 2022 – October 20, 2022.

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

#### **Abhishek Kadiyala**

Member of UNESCO’s Open Education for a Better World (OE4BW) programme.

Placed second at Christ University’s National Public Policy Consilium – Security Crisis Simulation.





Published an article titled, “Influx of foreign talent in Kabaddi hints towards a new trend” in *The Print*.

#### **Rosemary**

Presented a paper on “Bamboo Diplomacy Amidst Great Power Rivalry: A Comparative Analysis of Thailand and Vietnam” in Young Scholars Seminar at St Joseph’s University on October 28, 2022.

Published paper titled “The Benet Land Crisis and its State of Impasse” in *Thekootneeti.in* on September 25, 2022.

Won Best Paper award for paper under the theme “World Politics: Issues and Challenges” in Young Scholars Seminar at St Joseph’s University on October 28, 2022.

#### **Rajika Kanungo**

Presented and won best paper for “A critical analysis of the IMF” in Young Scholars Seminar at St Joseph’s University on October 28, 2022.

Presented a review on the chapter “Public Policy and the Role of Youth” of the book *Discovering New India*.

#### **Unnikrishnan**

Presented a paper on “Myanmar to Bangalore: the Rohingya Refugee Crisis” in the National Seminar on October 28, 2022.

Published a paper on “India’s Vantage Point on the Russia Ukraine Conflict” on September 9, 2022. Represented St Joseph’s University at Christ College Public Policy Fest and won second place in the policy implementation event on September 28 and 29, 2022.

Won first place in JAM in St Joseph’s Evening College fest, Udhbav, on February 11, 2023.

Won first place in Who killed Mona (murder mystery event), second place in Delusional Illumination (speaking event) and On Death Rogue (debating

event) in the fest Cul Ah hosted by Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), on February 3 and 4, 2023.

Won second place in JAM in the Jyoti Nivas College fest, Scintillations, on February 10, 2023.

#### **Nuha**

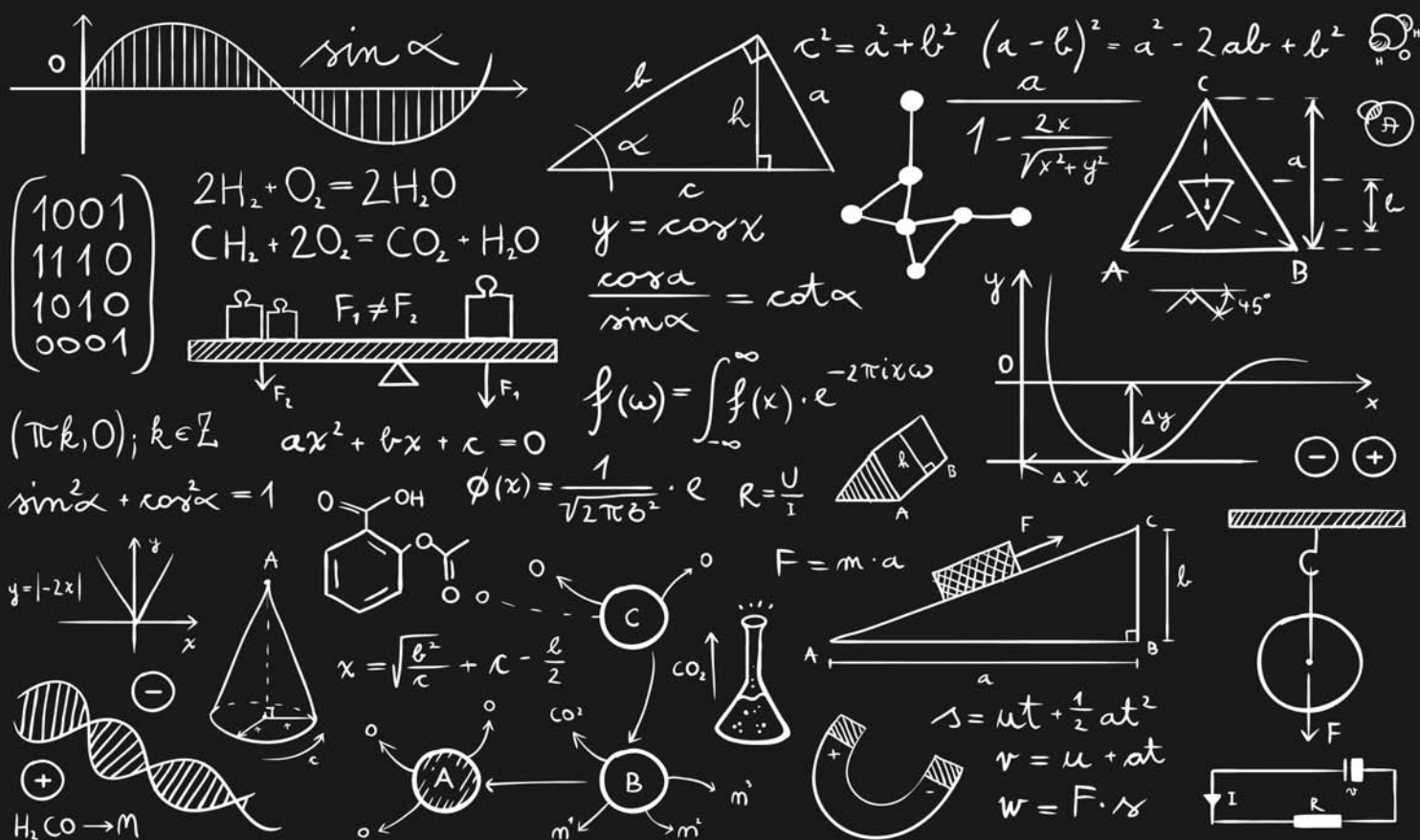
Presented a paper on “The Role of Energy in the Rise of Russia under Putin” at Young Scholars Seminar in St Joseph’s University on October 28, 2022.

Presented a review on the chapter “ESG as a Tool to Promote Social Harmony” of the book *Discovering New India*.

#### **Maansi NA**

Presented a paper on “On the Rise in Asia’s Regional World Order” at Young Scholars Seminar in St Joseph’s University on October 28, 2022.

Presented a review on the chapter “Religion and Socio-Secular Engagements” of the book *Discovering New India*.



# SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

## DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

### Awards and Honors

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

### Other Contributions

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

### Student Activity Coordinated

International Physicists' Tournament 2023 - National

selection was coordinated during November and December 2022 by Dr G Vignesh, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics for BSc students of the University.

### Programme Organised by the Department

A guest lecture programme titled "Fantastic Maths and where to find it?" by Mr Rose P Francis, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, SJU, was organised by Dr G Vignesh, Coordinator, PSA, on November 25, 2022.

A webinar titled A Short Journey in the Particle Universe on November 10, 2022, was given by Dr R Thiru Senthil, Senior

Research Fellow, Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The event was organised by Dr G Vignesh as part of the Research Colloquium, PSA.

### International Journals Publication

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



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## International Journals Communicated

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

“Theoretical Study on the Influence of Geometry and

Laser Field on Semiconductor to Metal Transition in a Quantum Wire”, G Vignesh et al, *Journal of Mathematical Chemistry* (Communicated).

“Hierarchical Cu<sub>4</sub>SnS<sub>6</sub> Nanoflowers Supported by MWCNT can accomplish everything: Supercapacitors, Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells and

Water Splitting”, G Vignesh et al. *Electro Chemica Acta* (Communicated).

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

## ABACUS Association

The ABACUS association held its inaugural ceremony on January 10, 2023. During the event, the President introduced the association to the audience in a warm welcome speech. The Head of Social Media followed with an introduction that emphasised the significance of mathematics and highlighted how ABACUS would provide a platform for math enthusiasts. A special badging ceremony was conducted by the chief guest, Mr John Binze, who is the Head of the Department of Mathematics. The General Secretary then addressed the audience, outlining the Association's plans and upcoming events, which included the intra-collegiate math fest Ad Infinitum, as well as monthly lectures and weekly activities like Puzzle Solving and Poster Making. In his address, Mr Binze stressed the importance of mathematics



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## DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

and expressed ABACUS's mission to ignite a passion for the subject among college students. Dr Raisa D'Souza, the PG Coordinator from the Department of Mathematics, spoke about dispelling the fear of mathematics. The Vice President delivered the vote of thanks, concluding the ceremony on a positive note. The event left a lasting impact on the students, inspiring them to pursue their interest in mathematics.

### UPSHOT PROGRAMME

The ABACUS association launched the UPSHOT programme, which showcases monthly lectures delivered by esteemed professors. The inaugural session took place on January 28, 2023, at De Nobili Hall, featuring Dr Divakaran D from Azim Premji University as the guest lecturer. During his presentation, Dr Divakaran explored the concept of continuity, both as an intuitive

and counterintuitive idea, delving into local and global perspectives of this mathematical concept. He provided a proof for the local definition of continuity and shared five key insights related to the concept. Following the lecture, there was an interactive open discussion and a Q&A session. The UPSHOT programme offers students an excellent opportunity to learn from distinguished professors and enhance their understanding of mathematics.



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### STAFF ACHIEVEMENT - 2022

The following are the achievements of the staff from the Department of Mathematics.

#### Mr John Binze

Panellist for Discussion on Implementation of NEP for the conference titled “The Practice of Teaching Undergraduate Mathematics”, jointly organised by Azim Premji University, St

Joseph’s University, Bengaluru, and the Mathematics Teachers’ Association (India), from July 15 to 17, 2022, at the Azim Premji University campus, Bangalore.

#### Ms Wilma D’Souza

Published “Inverse Double Roman Domination in Graphs” in the Scopus-indexed journal *Discrete Mathematics, Algorithms and Applications* in September 2022.

#### Mr Leonard Aiman

Guest lecture titled “Applications of Differential Equations” at Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous) on August 27, 2022.

Member of Board of Examinations (BoE) at Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous).

#### Dr Daisy Singh

Published a paper titled “T - Laceability In Hierarchical Hypercube Graphs”, co-authored with Leena N. Shenoy, in *Advances and Applications in Mathematical Sciences*, Volume 21, Issue 8, June 2022, Pages 4433-4445. ISSN: 0974-6803.

Published a paper “Laceability In Interleavers Of  $C(2n + 1, 1, R)$ ” co-authored with Leena N. Shenoy, in *South East Asian J. of Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences*, Vol. 21, Proceedings (2022), pp. 207-216. ISSN (Online): 2582-0850.

#### Mr Jesse P Francis

Resource Person for an invited talk titled “Fantastic Mathematics and Where to Find it”, organised by Physics Students’ Association, St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru on November 25, 2022.

Resource Person for an invited talk titled “Talk on Physical and Mental Disability and Church: Pastor’s Conference”, organised by Engage Disability India on October 18, 2022.



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

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

Lifetime member of the Mathematics Teachers’ Association (India)

One of the organisers of the conference titled ‘The Practice of Teaching Undergraduate Mathematics’, jointly organised by Azim Premji University, St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru, and the Mathematics Teachers’ Association (India) from July 15 to 17, 2022, at the Azim Premji University campus, Bangalore.

**Dr Gerard Rozario J**

Delivered a lecture on “Innovative Methods of Teaching” 2022 at Venkateswara College of Education, Puducherry on December 12, 2022.

Delivered lecture on “Graph Labelling” at National Seminar on Recent Trends in Mathematics St Joseph’s College of Arts and Science, Cuddalore, on May 25, 2022.

Delivered a lecture on “Document preparation using LATEX” at Surya Group of Institutions – School of Engineering and Technology (SGI-SET) on February 8, 2022.

**Dr Deepa Mathew**

Published the paper titled “Distance-Based Topological Descriptors on Ternary Hypertree Networks,” co-authored with Yun Yu, D Antony Xavier, and Eddith Sarah Varghese, in the journal *Complexity* on September 28, 2022.

Published the article titled “Strong Total Monophonic Problems in Product Graphs, Networks, and Its Computational Complexity,” co-authored with Edith Sarah, D Antony Xavier,





and Ammar Alsinai, in the *Journal of Mathematics* in the year 2022.

Published the work titled “Molecular Descriptors of Porphyrin-based Dendrimer,” co-authored with Liu Jia-Bao, D Antony Xavier, Eddith Sarah Varghese, and Annmaria Baby, in the journal *Polycyclic Aromatic Compounds* (2022): 1-12.

Published the publication “Distance based topological descriptors of zinc porphyrin dendrimer,” co-authored with Xavier, D Antony, Eddith Sarah Varghese, Annmaria Baby, and Mohammed KA Kaabar, in the *Journal of Molecular Structure* 1268 (2022): 133614.

Published a study titled “Glued hypertree: comparative analysis and distance-based topological

descriptors,” co-authored with Xavier, D Antony, and Eddith Sarah Varghese, in the *Indian Journal of Science and Technology* 15, no. 15 (2022): 658-667.

Delivered lecture on “Geodetic and Strong Geodetic concepts in Graph Theory” at the National Seminar on Recent Trends in Mathematics by St Joseph’s College of Arts and Science, Cuddalore, on May 25, 2022.

One of the organisers of the conference titled ‘The Practice of Teaching Undergraduate Mathematics’, jointly organised by Azim Premji University, St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru, and the Mathematics Teachers’ Association (India) from July 15 to 17, 2022, at the Azim Premji University campus, Bangalore.

### Members of the Staff

- Mr John Binze
- Mr Anantha Prasad Jain
- Dr Maria Annicy
- Ms Mohammed Ayesha
- Mr Taral Shah
- Ms Wilma DSouza
- Ms Deepika S
- Ms Veena Nirmala
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- Mr Leonard Aiman
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# SCHOOL OF CHEMICAL SCIENCES

## DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY





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## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

### DR RONALD J MASCARENHAS

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

#### Paper Publications

"An Electrochemical Sensor Based on Graphene Oxide/Cholesterol Nanohybrids for the Sensitive Analysis of Cetirizine." Laxmi S Killedara, Mahesh M Shanbhaga, G Manasa, Shweta J Malode, Ravindra S Veerapur, Ronald J Mascarenhas, *Kakarla Raghava Reddy Journal of Environmental Chemical Engineering*, 10 (6) (2022) 108894.

"Graphene-based Electrochemical Immunosensors for Early Detection of Oncomarker Carcinoembryonic Antigen." G Manasa, Ronald J Mascarenhas\*, Shweta J Malode, Nagaraj P Shetti; *Biosensors and Bioelectronics*: X 11 (2022) 100189.

"Hydrothermal Synthesis of Transition Metal Oxides, Transition Metal Oxide/Carbonaceous material Nanocomposites for Supercapacitor Applications." Apurva Nandagudi, Sumedha H Nagarajarao, Mysore S Santosh, Basavanakote M Basavaraja, Shweta J Malode, Ronald J Mascarenhas\*, Nagaraj P Shetti. *Materials Today Sustainability* 19(11) 2022, 100214.

"Biomarkers for Early Diagnosis of Ovarian Carcinoma." Manasa, G; Mascarenhas, Ronald\*; Shetti, Nagaraj; Malode, Shweta; Aminabhavi, Tejraj M; *ACS Biomaterials Science & Engineering*, 8(7) (2022) 2726.

"An Amperometric Sensor Composed of Carbon Hybrid-structure for the Degradation of Aminotriazole Herbicide." G Manasa, Arvind K Bhakta, Jeevika Bafna, Ronald J Mascarenhas\*, Shweta J Malode, Nagaraj P Shetti; *Environmental Research* 212 (2022) 113541

"Enhanced gas sensing performance of nano-structured Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>-SnO<sub>2</sub> composite for low concentration CO detection." Chethana Aranthady, Ozma D'Souza, Ronald Mascarenhas, Ganapati V. Shanbhag, Nalini G. Sundaram\*, *Chemistry Select*, 172(B), 2022, 106956.

#### Book Chapters

"Graphene Based Electrochemicals and Biosensors for Multifaceted Applications in Healthcare". G Manasa, N Shetti, Ronald J Mascarenhas and KR Reddy in *Smart Nanodevices for Point-of-Care Applications*, Chapter 10, First Edition, CRC Press, Taylor and Francis, 2022.

"Carbon and Carbon Paste Electrodes". Shweta J. Malode, Pradakshina Sharma, Mohd Rahil Hasan, Nagaraj P. Shetti, and Ronald J. Mascarenhas in *Electrochemical Sensors*

*From Working Electrodes to Functionalization and Miniaturized Devices*, Chapter 4, page no 79-114. 2022

#### Conference Presentations Co-authored

"Pretreatment-free quantification of Propyl-Paraben preservative from real samples based on modified graphite paste sensor", G Manasa, Ronald J Mascarenhas, Basavanakote M Basavaraja in 'International Conference on New Horizons and Trends in Chemical Sciences', organised by Dada Ramchand Bakhru Sindhu Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur and ISAS Nagpur chapter, on March 25 and 26, 2022.

Dr Manasa, under the guidance of Dr Mascarenhas, presented a research paper titled "Synergy Between Graphene-platelets and  $\pi$ -e- of Cationic Brilliant-green Towards Flavanone Hesperidin Quantification and its Application in Quality Control of Oranges." Manasa G, Ronald J Mascarenhas\*, Arvind K Bhakta, Zineb Mekhalif, in the 'National Symposium on Electrochemical Science and Technology' at the Indian Institute of Science on June 24 and 25, 2022. Dr Manasa's paper was awarded the best paper from the Electrochemical Society of India, and the Department of Inorganic and Physical Chemistry, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru for oral presentation of her research work.

Dr Manasa, under the guidance of Dr Mascarenhas, presented a research paper titled “Adsorption Strategy of Surface Modification in the Development of an Electrocatalytic Sensor for Bioflavonoid.” Manasa G, Ronald J Mascarenhas\*, in the ‘International Conference on Chemical Sciences: Academia, Industry & Society Interface (ICCS 2022)’ at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru. The conference was organised by Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), in collaboration with Karnataka Science and Technology Academy, Government of Karnataka from June 23 to 25, 2022.

Karishma Ramesh B (20CHO11) of MSc Organic Chemistry, under the guidance of Dr Mascarenhas, presented a research paper titled “An amperometric sensor for the anesthetic drug, Procaine hydrochloride using BaO-MWCNT modified carbon paste electrode.” Karishma Ramesh, Manasa G, Ronald J Mascarenhas, in the ‘International Conference on Chemical Sciences: Academia, Industry & Society Interface (ICCS 2022)’ at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru. The conference was organised by Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), in collaboration with Karnataka Science and Technology Academy, Government of Karnataka from June 23 to 25, 2022.

Umesh C (20CHA17) of MSc Analytical Chemistry, under the guidance of Dr Mascarenhas, presented a research paper (poster presentation) titled “Monodiazole Multiwalled Carbon Nanotube Modified Carbon Paste Electrode for the Electrocatalytic Oxidation of Catechin.” Umesh C, Manasa G, Ronald J Mascarenhas, in the ‘International Conference on Chemical Sciences: Academia, Industry & Society Interface (ICCS 2022)’ at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru. The conference was organised by Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), in collaboration with Karnataka Science and Technology Academy, Government of Karnataka from June 23 to 25, 2022.

### **Workshops and Training Programmes Attended**

Dr Mascarenhas represented the 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 the Chancery Pavilion, Residency Road, Bengaluru.

Dr Mascarenhas was a member of the Organizing Committee of an international conference ‘Electrochemistry for Industry, Health and Environment (EIHE 2023)’ organised by the Analytical Chemistry Division, Chemistry Group Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Trombay, in

association with the Indian Society for Electroanalytical Chemistry from Feb 7 to 11, 2023.

### **Awards**

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

### **DR SHANTY MATHEW**

#### **Conference Presentations Co-authored**

Anjana Vinod, under the guidance of Dr Mathew, presented a research paper titled “Degradation Study of Congo Red Dye Using Graphite Oxide and Nanographene Oxide,” Anjana Vinod, Shanty Mathew, Kathyanini, in the ‘International Conference on Chemical Sciences: Academia, Industry & Society Interface (ICCS 2022)’ at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru. The conference was organised by Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), in collaboration with Karnataka Science and Technology Academy, Government of Karnataka.

Anna Kuriakose, under the guidance of Dr Mathew, presented a research paper titled “Effect of Loading in the Enhanced Photocatalytic Activity of NGO-Mn<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Nanocomposites in Degrading Methylene Blue,”





Anna Kuriakose, Shanty Mathew, H Kathyayini, Asha A in the ‘International Conference on Chemical Sciences: Academia, Industry & Society Interface (ICCS 2022)’ at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru. The conference was organised by Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), in collaboration with the Karnataka Science and Technology Academy, Government of Karnataka.

Received the All India Women Achievers Award for Outstanding Educator on September 26, 2022.

#### **DR LIBI THOMAS**

##### **Publications**

“Synthetic Strategies and Medicinal Applications of Quinoline-pyrimidine Hybrids”

in *Chemical Biology Letters*, 2022, 9(3), 318, by Alitta Anna Cheriyan, Libi Thomas and Anchal Singhal.

“Synthesis and Medicinal Applications of Quinoline Hybrid Heterocycles: A Comprehensive Review” in *Journal of Molecular Chemistry*, 2022 22(1), 338, by Chaya P, Alitta Anna Cheriyan, Simran Shah, Anjaly Krishnan, Udaya Rajesh R, Libi Thomas and Anchal Singhal.

#### **DR JOYCE QUEENY D’SOUZA**

Organised and participated in a one-day international webinar titled Recent Trends in Photochemistry under the Department of Chemistry, St

Joseph’s College (Autonomous) on May 14, 2022.

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

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

#### **DR SUNITA RAJAMANI**

##### **Publications**

KJ Jisha, Sunita Rajamani, Dharmendra Singh, Gyanendra Sharma, Ramesh L Gardas. “A Comparative Study of Ionothermal Treatment of Rice Straw Using Triflate and Acetate-based Ionic Liquids”, *Journal of Ionic Liquids*, 2022, 100037.





**DR NALINI SUNDARAM**

### **Publications**

Chethana Aranthady, Dr Ozma D'Souza, Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Dr Ganapati V Shanbhag, Dr Nalini G, "Enhanced Gas Sensing Performance of Nano-Structured Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>-SnO<sub>2</sub> Composite for Low Concentration CO Detection", *Chemistry Select*, April 2022, vol.7, iss.15, e202104526.

Dr Archana K Munirathnappa, Chethana Aranthady, Dr Ananda Kulal, Dr Sachin Kumar Maurya, Dr Kaushal Kumar, Dr Sanjay Nayak, Dr Seung Cheol Lee, Dr Nalini G Sundaram, "Synthesis, Neutron Diffraction, and DFT Studies of NaLa(WO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>: Yb<sup>3+</sup>/

Er<sup>3+</sup>; NIR Induced Green Fluorescent Bifunctional Probes for In Vitro Cell Imaging and Solid State Lighting", *Chemistry Select*, April 2022, vol.7, iss.15, e202104581.

### **Conference Presentations Co-authored**

Gayathri G, under the guidance of Dr Sundaram, presented a research paper titled "Photocatalytic Degradation of Caffeine Using TiO<sub>2</sub>/zeolite Composites," Gayathri G, Nalini G Sundaram\*, in the 'International Conference on Chemical Sciences: Academia, Industry & Society Interface (ICCS 2022)' at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru. The conference was organised

by Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), in collaboration with Karnataka Science and Technology Academy, Government of Karnataka.

### **Workshops and Training Programmes Attended**

Was Chief Guest for International Women's Day organised by Nagarjuna College of Engineering and Technology, Bengaluru, held on March 08, 2022.

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



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**DR ANCHAL SINGHAL****Publications**

Chaya P, Alitta Anna Cheriyan, Simran Shah, Anjaly Krishnan, Udaya Rajesh R, Libi Thomas and Anchal Singhal. "Synthesis and Medicinal Applications of Quinoline Hybrid Heterocycles: A Comprehensive Review". *Journal of Molecular Chemistry*, 2022 22(1), 338.

Alitta Anna Cheriyan, Libi Thomas and Anchal Singhal, "Synthetic Strategies and Medicinal Applications of Quinoline-pyrimidine Hybrids, *Chemical Biology Letters*, March 2022, 9(3), 318.

**Workshops and Training Programmes Attended**

Was a member of the Organizing Committee of the two-day international virtual conference 'Recent Advancements in Chemical Sciences: Health, Environment and Society (ICRACS-2022)' conducted by Deshbandhu College, University of Delhi.

**DR DEBASHIS GHOSH****Publications**

Anogh Ghosh, Pranjal Pyne, Sumit Ghosh, Debashis Ghosh, Souvik Majumder, and Alakananda Hajra, "Visible-light-induced metal-free coupling of C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H sources with heteroarenes," *Green Chemistry*, 2022, 24, 3056-3080

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

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

**Book Chapters**

Debashis Ghosh, Sumit Ghosh and Alakananda Hajra, "Gold nanoparticles as promising catalyst for electrochemical CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in aqueous medium," Chapter 6, DOI: 10.1515/9783110733846-006, ISBN: 9783110738452. Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG, 2022.

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

Dr Debashis presented an invited talk in a national webinar titled Recent Trends in Chemical and

Forensic Science organised by Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore on April 21, 2022.

**Awards**

Received the Best Researcher of the Year Award 2022 from the Avishkar Foundation, Solapur on September 05, 2022.

**DR VINUTHA V SALIAN**

Theresa Mary Urumbath, under the guidance of Dr Salian, presented a research paper titled "Study of Pyrazole and Thiazole Hybrid Scaffolds Derived from Chalcones as Potential Antioxidant Agents," Theresa Mary Urumbath, Vinutha V Salian\*, in the 'International Conference on Chemical Sciences: Academia, Industry & Society Interface (ICCS 2022)' at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru. The conference was organised by Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), in collaboration with Karnataka Science and Technology Academy, Government of Karnataka.

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

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

### **MR TOBIN VARKEY SIMSON**

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

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

Anandhu UK of MSc Analytical Chemistry presented a review paper titled "Review on absorption Spectra of Chlorophyll in Green Plants" at the 'International Conference on Chemical Sciences: Academia, Industry & Society Interface (ICCS 2022)' at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru. The conference was organised by Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), in collaboration with Karnataka Science and Technology Academy, Government of Karnataka.

### **PG CHEMICAL SOCIETY ALCHEMY 2022**

Alchemy 2022, the intercollegiate fest organised by the Department of Chemistry, was successfully hosted on June 04, 2022. The programme was organised by Ms Christine Nigli, Programme Coordinator and Dr Joyce D'Souza, PG Coordinator, Department of Chemistry. The event saw participation from about 12 colleges with over 60 participants. The inaugural ceremony was held at 9:00 am at Xavier Hall, PG Block, with

events and games aiming to bring out the 'fun side' of chemistry beginning at 10:00 am at various venues. A flash mob was also conducted on May 27, 2022, in the PG Quadrangle and Magis Canteen to attract the attention of students. Alchemy 2022 was a huge success with participants enjoying and striving to put their best element forward. The competitive spirit was rewarded with prizes, with KLE Society Nijalingappa College emerging as the overall winner.

### **CHEM MARKETING**

The event was judged by Dr Nalini G Sundaram, Head of the Department of Chemistry and Dr Suhas D, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry. Eight teams took part in the event, of which two were from the College. The winners of the event were:

- I. Vanitha N and Shichika D Biligere (KLE Society Nijalingappa College)
- II. Varsha S Jain, Sara, and Roshan (Garden City University)
- III. Nobel Wilson and Nirmal Peter (St Joseph's College (Autonomous))

### **DEBATE**

The event was judged by Dr Vinutha V Salian, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Dr Valeen Rashmi Pereira, Assistant Professor,

Department of Chemistry. The topic for the event was 'Small Things Sometimes Mean a Whole Lot - Is it the Same in Case of Nano-chemistry?'. It was conducted over three rounds, where teams put up their points and gave their rebuttals and arguments. The winners of the event were:

- I. Suchika and Vanitha (KLE Society Nijalingappa College)
- II. Shubham and Shivani (St Joseph's College (Autonomous))

Best Speaker: Shubham Mishra (St Joseph's College (Autonomous))

### **BEDAZZLED EXHIBITIONER**

The event was judged by Dr Debashis Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Dr Anchal Singhal, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry. It was an experiment-based event that evaluated the determination, performance, and experimental skills of contestants. The winner of the event was Shrikari Sharvav (MES College of Commerce, Arts and Science).

### **POTPOURRI**

The event was conducted over three rounds— Pictionary, Dumb Charades, and Mindly Shenanigans. The winners of the event were:





I. Swapna Annapurna and Umme Roman (Ramaiah Institute of Technology)

II. Moin Pasha, Mohammed Muzammil, and Syeda Nazreen Zahara (Al-Ameen Arts, Science and Commerce College)

### HOUSIE

The winners of the event were:

I. Tassadduque Hussain and Malla Reddy (Al-Ameen Arts, Science and Commerce College)

II. Vibha RS and Vishal S (MES College of Commerce, Arts, and Science)

### CHEM-SUDOKO

The event was judged by Dr Sunita Rajamani, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Dr Rita Pal,

Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry. It combined the fun of sudoku with chemistry. The winners of the event were:

I. Shrikari Sharvani (MES College of Commerce, Arts, and Science),

II. Alan Joshy (St Joseph's College (Autonomous))

### CHEM YOU SEE

The contest saw curious contestants work their way out of an escape room filled with scary elements and a number of clues to solve various puzzles, including crosswords and small experiments which when solved lead to hidden clues. They would then use the clues to get keys to three mystery boxes that would set them free. The winner of the

event was Kudhsiya Tejaswini and Keerti (Surana College).

### LECTURE CONTEST

The event was judged by Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry and Dr Prasad, Anthem Bioscience. The winners of the event were:

I. Nikhil Vamshi (KLE Society Nijalingappa College)

II. Jayanth G (MES College of Commerce, Arts and Science)

### SNAKE AND LADDER QUIZ

The unique contest combined the power of knowledge with the charm of luck, making participants hold their breaths and wish upon their lucky stars. The winners of the event were

I. Nikhil Vamshi and Darshan KV (KLE Society Nijalingappa College),

II. Rithu Kumar and Kannayan (St Joseph's College (Autonomous)).

### **ANALYST 2022**

The students of MSc Analytical and Organic Chemistry participated in Analyst, a fest hosted by St Aloysius College, Mangalore on June 08, 2022. Participants were accompanied by Dr Vinutha V Salian, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Mr Tobin Varkey Simson, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry. Students secured various prizes over the eight events in which they participated. Eshwar G and Vinay Tellis won first place in Quiz, Hemanth Kumar D won first place in Video Juggling, and Sneha MB and Daise Maria S Thomas won second place in Face Painting.

### **FRESHERS' DAY**

The PG Chemical Society, with the assistance of II MSc Chemistry, organised Freshers' Day on October 21, 2022, to welcome I MSc Chemistry students to the postgraduate programme, the Department, and the University. The purpose of the event was to familiarise students with the operations of the Department of Chemistry, introduce them to the names and faces of the professors, and

bridge the gap between seniors and juniors. The event began at 3:00 pm in Xavier Hall, followed by a prayer and addresses by Dr Libi Thomas, Dean of the School of Chemical Sciences, Dr Nalini G Sundaram, Head of the Department of Chemistry, and Dr Joyce Queeny D'Souza, PG Coordinator, Department of Chemistry. As they introduced the Department and the School of Chemical Sciences, the dignitaries emphasised the importance of having fun while learning and creating many memories and experiences. Fresh faces were encouraged to step out of their comfort zones through an ice-breaker session and various games. The event also lifted spirits by hailing the most active participants as Mr and Ms Fresher, which were won by Naga Harsha HR of I MSc Chemistry and Sanjana Maria Pais of I MSc Organic Chemistry respectively. The event came to a close with the blossoming of camaraderie between the juniors and seniors.

### **CHEM TRIVIA- A QUIZ EVENT**

CHEM TRIVIA, an open quiz event for postgraduate students of Chemistry, was hosted by the PG Chemical Society on November 18, 2022, from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm. Under the guidance of Dr Nalini G Sundaram, Head of the Department of Chemistry and Dr Joyce D'Souza, PG Coordinator, Department of

Chemistry, the quizmasters for the day were Vinay Tellis of II MSc Analytical Chemistry and Hemanth Kumar D of II MSc Chemistry. Five teams of three participants each participated in the event. Questions were based on everyday chemistry which touched upon some of the topics of the postgraduate syllabus. The winners of the event were Aathira Suresh of II MSc Chemistry, Ramya G of II MSc Chemistry, and Suprith Rajagopal of II MSc Chemistry.

### **PICTIONARY EVENT**

The PG Chemical Society organised Pictionary on January 13, 2023, at 2:00 pm for the postgraduate students of Chemistry. There were seven teams consisting of four members each competing to guess the maximum number of common day-to-day chemistry jargons through drawings within the allotted three minutes. The winners of the event were Ancy, Nandini, Niveta, and Ramya of II MSc Chemistry with six correct guesses.

### **UG CHEMICAL SOCIETY**

#### **INAUGURATION**

The UG Chemical Society (UGCS) was inaugurated for the academic year 2022-23 on October 08, 2022, at De Nobili Hall. The honorary speaker was Dr Kiran R Bettadapur, Senior Research Investigator, Syngene Intl Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru. The





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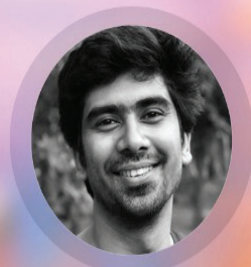


## Department of Chemistry

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### INAUGURATION OF UG CHEMICAL SOCIETY



Kiran R Bettadapur, Ph.D.

Senior Research Investigator (Medicinal Chemistry)  
Syngene Intl Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru

Topic - *"The role of Chemists in Drug Discovery"*

Date: 08.10.2022 Time: 12:50pm -1:50pm Venue: De-Nobili Hall

Dean: Dr. Shobha SV HOD: Dr. Libi Thomas  
Staff Co-ordinators:  
1).Dr. Valeen Rashmi Pereira  
2).Dr. Rita Pal  
3).Mr. Tobin Varkey Simson

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 coordinators were Dr Valeen Rashmi Pereira, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Dr Rita Pal, Assistant Professor, Department of

Chemistry, and Mr Tobin Varkey Simson, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry.

### CHEMIX'22

CHEMIX'22 was an online singing event which combined two of the most abstract things, music and chemistry, to create a unique contest. Held on October 21, 2022, the

competition was open to all students of the University. Participants must change the lyrics of a preexisting song with chemical elements or reactions and sing the song in the original melody. Participants then uploaded their recorded entries online. The event was much appreciated by the student fraternity.

### TOSS LIKE A BOSS

UGCS conducted Toss Like a Boss, its first offline event, on November 04, 2022, at the Arrupe Quadrangle. Participants tried their luck by throwing a mint into a soda bottle. Through the 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.

### GUESSTURES

'Bole Toh Bole Kya???' was the theme of Guesstures conducted on November 25, 2022, at the Quadrangle.

28 students in teams of two participated in the event, where 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.

## PEER LEARNING CLASSES

The Peer Learning Classes are one of the prominent hallmarks of the Undergraduate Chemical Society. A new edition for the odd semester of the 2022-23 academic year started with enthusiasm on October 30, 2022. The heads for each semester are Tasniya Nishath (I Sem), Mohammed Abdul Kareem (III Sem), Samridhi Dubey (V Sem), and L Ricky (V Sem). Plans for executing the agenda of the programme were charted for each semester. For the first semester, the syllabus was initially divided among the mentors. Videos explaining chapters were uploaded on Google Drive which were accessible to all. Topics covered were the Periodic Table, Atomic Structure, and Introduction to Organic and Analytical Chemistry. For the third semester, chapters with the maximum weightage were covered first. Simple topics were first selected to motivate mentees in their learning. The whole syllabus was then covered with a simple explanation of the topics. Topics covered were Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry, Acid Base and Solvents, Chemical Bonding, and Thermodynamics. For the fifth semester, separate question banks from the previous years' question papers for every chapter

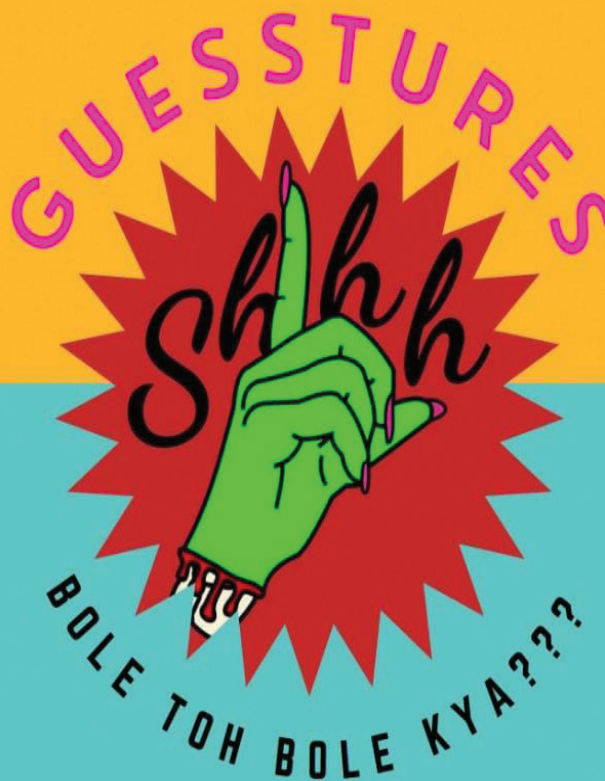


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Language-English, no actions

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were created and uploaded with their solution banks and videos on Google Drive.

### WORKSHOP ON PROFESSIONAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Chemistry organised a two-day workshop focused on Professional Skill

Development on March 7 and 8, 2023. The workshop was dedicated exclusively to the outgoing batch of MSc students pursuing Analytical and Organic Chemistry.

The event commenced with an invocation of the Almighty, then proceeded to feature opening



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

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

Dr Nalini G Sundaram, Head of the Department of Chemistry.

## INDUSTRIAL VISIT

The Department of Chemistry, in collaboration with Merck India, organised a one-day visit to the Merck Group at Jigani, Electronic City, Bengaluru on March 13, 2023, for II MSc Chemistry students. A total of 25 female students were accompanied by Dr Rita Pal, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Dr Suhas DP, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry. The Merck Group organised this event as a progressive initiative towards encouraging girls in science and technology.

Students were greeted by Ms Devika Krishnan, University Relations Coordinator, Merck India, who gave them an overview of the site. They later had presentations by heads of various departments including Mr Shiv Kumar, Head of HR and Mr Rohit Kumar, Head of Oligo Synthesis and Production Lab. They also had a Q&A session with the leading ladies of Merck who shared the stories of their journey in the chemical industry.

After a brief interactive session, the students were given a tour of the industry. Led by Mr Ravi, they first visited the Oligo Lab where the synthesis of oligo by demethylation method, purification using

HPLC/electrophoresis, quality control (QC), packaging of oligonucleotides and various biochemical compounds and their operations were explained. They moved to the Analytical and Quality Control Labs, where they were briefed about procedures required for checking QC in instruments like HPLC-MS, LCMS, ICP and NMR spectroscopy. On their visit to the Recombinant DNA Technology Lab, they were able to see various tools and appliances used for the experiments. They then visited the R&D Labs where they saw detection and developmental apparatus labs that were being used for the production of chemicals, solutions, and so on.

After a break, they visited the Chemical Synthesis Lab where they were introduced to bioreactors involved in the manufacturing of chemical solutions. They also saw the storage, packaging, and delivery processes, and how protocols differ with the products. Finally, they visited the Waste Treatment Facility and were briefed about the steps to be taken to manage effluents from the facility.

The tour ended with a brief interaction with Mr Dhananjay Singh, Head of Science and Lab Solutions, Merck India and Mr Pankaj Joshi, Director of Commercial Marketing, Merck India.



## DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

### Staff Achievements

#### 1. Recent PhD Awardee in the Department

Dr Shraddha K Namannavar received her PhD convocation diploma (certificate) from Bangalore University, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

#### 2. Publications

Dr Daniel Andrew MG published a paper in the Journal of Cellular Physiology (Wiley) in November 2022. His co-authored papers with SJU affiliation have been published in SCOPUS & Web of Science-indexed journals—Process Biochemistry (Elsevier) in November 2022, Heliyon (Cell Press) in February 2023, and in Journal of King Saud University—Science (Elsevier) in February 2023. He was a special guest speaker for an online lecture on the topic of Recent Advances in Redox Enzymology for UG and PG students of the Department of Microbiology, St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh on October 15, 2022. He was invited to chair a session for the online conference ‘ICBEST 2022’ conducted by the Department of Biotechnology,

SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Ramapuram, Chennai on December 23, 2022. He has reviewed papers since joining SJU for the Journal of Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics (Taylor & Francis), RSC Advances, New Journal of Chemistry, Phytomedicine - Elsevier, Frontiers in Neuroscience and International Journal of Biological Macromolecules - Elsevier. He is also currently serving as Guest Editor for a special issue titled ‘Redox Control of Plant Metabolism and Biofuel Production’ for Frontiers in Plant Science.

#### 3. First Department BoS meeting under SJU banner

The Department of Biochemistry conducted its first BoS meeting for students under the SJU banner on December 17, 2022. The syllabus for the first four semesters of UG Biochemistry and the syllabus for Open Elective courses were passed unanimously by the Board members.

### Student Achievements

The highly talented students of the Department participated in

intercollegiate events and won prizes and certificates. They have displayed their skills in quiz competitions and events conducted at SJU and other institutions. Some of their achievements are given below:

**Justin Dominic Ayo Akura** of 21BBZ participated in the MAG+S Karnataka 2022 Conference organised by the Karnataka Jesuit Educational Society Youth Work, held at St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru from April 29 to May 1, 2022.

**Justin Dominic Ayo Akura** of 21BBZ presented a research paper in the Journal Club of the Biochemical Society held on February 5, 2022, at St Joseph’s College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

**Justin Dominic Ayo Akura** of 21BBZ participated in an international webinar titled Chemistry and Chemist: Challenges and Opportunities organised online by the Department of Chemistry, Tulasi Women’s College, Kendrapara, Odisha on May 2, 2022.

**Siddharth Sen** of 21BBZ presented a poster at the ‘International



Conference on Phytomedicine 2022' organised by the Department of Botany, St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru between May 20 and 21, 2022.

**Anitha Ajith** of 21BBZ presented a poster at the 'International Conference on Phytomedicine 2022' organised by the Department of Botany, St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru between May 20 and 21, 2022.

#### 4. Sports/NCC/NSS

**K Manasa** of 22BCBT was awarded the SGT rank in NCC at the Combined Annual Training Camp 2022-2023 organised at Gajaladinne in Kolar Taluk from October 13 to 20, 2022.

### BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY - Talks and Events

Dr Padmashree, Former Faculty, Department of Biochemistry, SJC delivered an online talk titled Research Methodology in the Journal Club meeting held on January 9, 2022.

An online paper presentation session was held on January 22, 2022, by the Biochemical Society.

A meeting of the Journal Club was also held on February 5, 2022, by the Biochemical Society.

On February 8, 2022, Ms Aparna B, Assistant Professor, Department of Forensic Science, JAIN (Deemed to be University), and Dr R Shanti Iyer, Principal, DR NSAM First Grade College, delivered special lectures titled Forensic Science: Overview and Scope to the faculty and students who participated in the meeting of the Biochemical Society.

On June 10, 2022, Dr Sarada Subramanian, Scientist, Department of Neurochemistry, NIMHANS delivered a talk in the webinar series

Talking Science organised by the Biochemical Society, where she spoke on the theme Dietary Choice: A Brain Health's Perspective.

On June 24, 2022, the valedictory function of the Biochemical Society for the year 2022 was conducted in Faber Hall.

The Biochemical Society organised an online webinar titled DNA Technology in Forensic Investigation on July 6, 2022. The talk was delivered by Dr Vinod, Deputy Director, DNA Section Forensic Science Laboratory, Bengaluru.

The Biochemical Society organised an offline inaugural event on October 1, 2022, to welcome first-year students who joined the Department in Xavier Hall, PG Block. Games and ice-breaking sessions were conducted where both students and faculty members of the Department participated.

On November 5, 2022, Dr Vishnu Janardan, Scientist, Thermo Scientific, Bengaluru delivered a special lecture as part of the Talking Science series on Click Chemistry and its Applications in Biology and explained the basic principle and methodology involved in the recently awarded Nobel Prize for Click Chemistry.

On November 9, 2022, Dr Saurabh Mahajan, Former

Faculty, St Joseph's College, Bengaluru, and Faculty, Atria University delivered a special lecture titled Reconstructing a Billion! Years of Biochemistry, an Amusing and Powerful time Passt.. at De Nobili Hall.

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

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

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





## SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES

### DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

#### **Cetaceans webinar**

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

A total of 124 participants attended, with 105 from the university and 19 from outside the college. The welcome address was given by Dr M Jayashankar, the teacher coordinator of NSA, Kaushik S, the evening's host, addressed general trivia about cetaceans before introducing the Natural Science Association and the keynote speaker, as

presented by President Abhishek Mishra. Mr Allan Britto from the Department of Zoology delivered the final vote of thanks and concluded the webinar.

Dr Lori Marino's captivating talk focused on the challenges faced by captive cetaceans such as bottlenose dolphins, killer whales, and beluga whales. She emphasised the importance of understanding these highly intelligent mammals' cognitive abilities and the significance of preserving their natural habitats. Dr Marino highlighted the role individuals can play in promoting awareness and preventing exploitation for personal gain.

#### **Rhino Webinar**

On February 21, 2023 a webinar on rhino conservation was conducted at 6:15 pm. This webinar was part of the "Conserving the Threatened" series, initiated by the Natural Science Association

(NSA) to raise awareness about critically endangered wildlife. Dr Rathin Barman expertly introduced us to the various rhino species worldwide, including those endemic to the Asian subcontinent. He shared population figures for rhinos in the wild and highlighted the vital conservation efforts undertaken by the Wildlife Department to combat rhino poaching. The talk emphasised the essential role of rhinos in maintaining a balanced ecosystem.

Hosted on MS Teams, the webinar attracted participants from different universities and states, including research scholars, teachers, and undergraduate and postgraduate students. The event proved to be a success, thanks to the valuable contributions and enthusiastic participation of attendees from across the country.





### Competitions

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

CHRIST (Deemed to be University) organised Jeevostav, an inter-collegiate fest, on February 13, 2023. Students from SJU enthusiastically participated in various competitions and achieved commendable success. Photography was won by Rooney Mikky Michael, quiz was won by Himesh (III BBZ), Sowmitra (III

BBZ), while Priyanka (I CHMB) came third. These talented students from SJU showcased their skills and knowledge, making their university proud in the Jeevostav fest organised by CHRIST (Deemed to be University).

Kristu Jayanti College Autonomous organised BioAura23', an inter-college event conducted by the life science department, on February 24, 2023. Students from SJU actively participated in multiple competitions and achieved remarkable success. Svante's Millionaire (Biopreneur) was won by Maria Taitus, Ritika S, and Selva Priya.S (all from the III CZBT) while Paul K Raju,



Jerin Jijo, and Paul U Sajan (all from the II BCOM) came third. Quiz was won by Priyanka S (I CHMB), Sarvesh Shukla, Chaitanya Vora, and Devaraj (all from the I BBZ) came second while Rooney Mikky Michael (I BZ) came third. These talented students from SJU showcased their knowledge and skills, bringing pride to their university in the BioAura23' event conducted by Kristu Jayanti College Autonomous.

### Staff Achievements

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

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





## DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

### INDIVIDUAL FACULTY ACTIVITIES JUNE 2022- JANUARY 2023

#### FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS:

##### Dr Syed Wajeed

Handled sessions on “Time management” organised by Karnataka Jesuit Educational Society youth work for the students of St Joseph’s Pre-University College, Bengaluru, on July 16, 2022.

Resource person for a two day National Workshop “HEIs Demarche in NAAC Assessment and Accreditation Framework” organised by Marudhar Kesari Jain College For Women, Vaniyambadi on 12 August, 2022. Delivered talks on “Overview of NAAC process and on Criteria 1 and 4 of NAAC”.

Delivered a talk on “Best practices of Documentation

and Quality Assurance” at a National Conference “Best practices in implementation of NEP” organised by Padmashree Institute of Management and Sciences supported by NAAC on September 10, 2022.

Delivered a talk on “Teaching pedagogies towards Skill Development in the Global Context” at a NAAC sponsored National seminar on “Innovative strategies & practices in teaching, learning and evaluation process” for Arts & Science colleges towards new education policy-2022” on November 3, 2022 organised by Nallamuthu Gounder Mahalingam College (Autonomous), Pollachi, Tamil Nadu.

Delivered a talk on “Curricular Aspects” at Two-day National Seminar “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 on November 17-18, 2022.

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.

Resource person for the NAAC sponsored National seminar on “Implementation of NEP in Higher Education Institutions” organised by St Teresa’s College (Autonomous), Ernakulum on January 18, 2023. The Topic of the session was “Challenges in the Implementation of NEP in HEIs.

##### Dr Jothy W

Isiri S Inamdar, Nancy, Renita, and Jothy W co-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, 2022 Sep;77 (Suppl 4):1-112. (<http://e-mjm.org/2022/v77s4/index.html>) – (PP-60) ISSN 0300-5283.

#### **Dr Popy Dutta**

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.

Organised a ‘Research and Scientific Writing Workshop’ from November 2-5, 2022, in association with Madras Christian College, Chennai.

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **UG**

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

#### **PG**

Ms Apoorva Dayanand (18MIC03) has secured the

207th rank in the Joint CSIR-UGC NET, June 2022, and is eligible for JRF.

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

### **DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY**

#### **UG INDUSTRIAL VISIT**

The students of 3rd year, Department of Microbiology, visited Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL) and Institution of Excellence (IOE), Vijnana Bhavan, University of Mysore on January 5-6, 2023. At DFRL, the students were given a demonstration of the preparation, preservation, and packaging of foods used by the defence personnel serving in extreme environments. They had the opportunity to explore various food kits, food items, testing kits and self-heating food packets.

Vijnana Bhavan houses a plethora of advanced techniques and instrumentations including imaging rooms housing microscopes like SEM, polarising microscope and Research Stereo Zoom Microscope;

high-end instruments like Mass Spectrometer, Chromatography equipment like High-Pressure Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), Ultra-performance Liquid Chromatography (UPLC), and LCMS were also demonstrated. Other labs like Genomics and Proteomics facility gave an opportunity to see the state-of-the-art equipment like nano spectrometer, RT-PCR machine, Flow cytometer, GEL-DOC etc. The Industrial visit was accompanied by Dr W. Jothy, Ms Shalmali Kamat and Mr Philip Kumar C.

#### **PG INDUSTRIAL VISIT**

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 16-18, 2022. This was a departmental initiative to equip the students with their course’s research and industrial aspects. 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.



### **Lost City of Maritime – Intercollegiate Fest**

The first event of Microcosm, the undergraduate association of Microbiology 2022-2023, was an intra-collegiate event named - ‘The Lost city of Maritime’. It was conducted on October 21 and 22, 2022 in Aloysius Hall.

### **Report on Festival of Frights**

Microcosm, the undergraduate association of St Joseph’s University, organised an exciting event called the “Festival of Frights,” which was held from October 31, 2022 to November 6, 2022. This event was open to students and faculty members.

The event consisted of two sub-events, one called the Microbial Masquerade and Spooky Artiste. Microbial Masquerade whose theme was Halloween encouraged students to unleash their inner fashionista. The second

event 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.

### **Webinar on Scientific Writing**

On November 12, 2022, the undergraduate association of microbiology had organised a webinar that was open to both UG and PG students of the St Joseph’s University. The guest lecturer, Dr Chinta Sidharthan, was a freelance medical writer for News Medical Life Sciences who also works as a freelance Scientific Editor. The main purpose of this webinar was to give the students an insight into career options other than research. It ended with an interactive Q&A session. The webinar opened them up to the multitude of options that were available to them post graduation.

### **REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF MICROBIOLOGICAL SOCIETY:**

#### **Inauguration Ceremony of Microbiological Society combined with UG Microcosm**

The inaugural ceremony for the UG and PG associations, Microcosm and Microbiological Society, was conducted on September 24, 2022 in Xavier Hall, PG block. The event commenced with the emcee Yogande Panse, a student of the PG department, addressing the gathering and the Chief Guest, Dr Shantanu P Shukla. Dr W Jothy, Head of the Department of Microbiology, gave a warm welcome to the audience and the chief guest. Meghana, the President of Microcosm (UG association), 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 Ghevar, the General Secretary of Microbiological Society (the PG association), 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 Ghevar (General Secretary), Aneasha 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).

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; mesmerizing the audience with every word. A question/answer session followed. Jhanvi Rakhecha (volunteer of Microcosm) delivered the vote of thanks, thus bringing the colorful ceremony to an end.

### **Research and Scientific Writing Workshop**

The Post Graduate Department of Microbiology of the School of Life Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bangalore organised 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, where he introduced the audience to research and all the components of research. The second session was delivered by Dr P Hanumantha Rao. Dr Rao gave the audience a very comprehensive outlook of how a literature review should be done. 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 'The Art of Scientific Writing'. Dr Nirmal spoke of scientific writing in a very poetic sense and brought to us several simple ways to make our writing effective. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks to the team from Madras Christian College for organising a very 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 Saturday, 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 splendour befitting such an auspicious occasion. The event saw participation from various colleges in the city.

The fest began 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 pm, 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.

### **National Seminar**

#### **Frontiers In Immunology- Engaging Minds and Hearts**

Department of Microbiology in association with DpN Lab, Department of Biochemistry, IISc, Bengaluru with support of Indian Immunology Society, New Delhi, organised a National Seminar on "Frontiers in





Microbiology - Engaging Minds and Hearts” on the International Immunology Day on April 29, 2023.

In his keynote address Dr Dipankar Nandi, Professor, Department of Biochemistry, IISc., Bengaluru emphasised the importance of making knowledge on immunology accessible to one and all. Dr Sudha Kumari, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology and Cell Biology, IISc., Bengaluru deliberated on immunosurveillance which can be understood as a cellular ‘handshake’. The focus on T-cells was reiterated as the third speaker, Ms Prerana M, a PhD student under Dr Kushagra Bansal, Molecular Biology and Genetics Unit, JNCASR, Bengaluru spoke about the development of T-cells in the thymus.

Dr Debabrata Laha, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, IISc., Bengaluru,

who draws his inspiration from his agriculturalist father, spoke about the exciting field of immunology in plants. Animal immunity was dealt by Dr Kesav Sannula, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, IISc., Bengaluru. Professor Uday Kumar Ranga, Molecular Biology and Genetics Unit, JNCASR, Bengaluru spoke on viruses. The seminar ended on a lighter note, with a witty and informative talk by Dr Sandeep Eswarappa, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry, IISc., Bengaluru.

Around 200 delegates from about 15 colleges and universities attended the seminar. The seminar was jointly convened by Dr Syed Wajeed, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru and Dr Dipankar Nandi, Professor, Department of Biochemistry, IISc, Bengaluru.

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

The Postgraduate Department of Microbiology at St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru celebrated its silver jubilee on May 5, 2023. The alumni meet took place at the St Joseph’s University auditorium, with the presence of founding members, alumni, faculty members, and current staff and students.

The celebration commenced with the lighting of the lamp and an invocation song. Dr W Jothy, the Head of the Department, delivered the welcome address, extending a heartfelt welcome to all attendees. Dr Popy Dutta, the PG Coordinator, spoke about the department’s inception and its 25-year journey. Dr Beatrice Sequeira, Dean School of Life





Sciences, congratulated the PG department and addressed the gathering.

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

The event's highlight was the felicitation of the department's founder members, Dr Betty Daniel, Dr Rajamani S, and Dr Jacob Paul VJ. Their efforts and struggles in establishing the department were recognised and applauded. Dr Betty Daniel reminisced about her time at St Joseph's and their collective efforts toward the department's development. She also acknowledged the visionary

principals, Fr Joseph Nelapathy SJ and Fr Eugene Lobo SJ, along with subsequent principals, for their unwavering support and infrastructure.

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

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

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

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

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





at the PG Block of St Joseph's University in Bangalore. The department conducted a fun-filled food fest with six stalls and seven events during the festival. The stalls featured a variety of educational and entertaining activities, including 'Astro Galley' and 'Food Detectives,' which elaborated on space food and displayed various strategies for identifying a wide range of

## DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Staff Achievements

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

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

### Food Miles Association

The Food Miles Association, a recently created departmental

association of St Joseph's University's Food Science and Technology Department, Bangalore, hosted two successful events in 2022.

The association's inaugural event took place on October 7, 2022. The ceremony began with an invocation dance, followed by reports from the association's vice president and president. Ms Navita Pinto, the event's guest speaker, spoke on the necessity of safe food, food safety standards, and the opportunities accessible to food workers in an engaging and interactive session.

To commemorate World Food Day, an inter-collegiate event called 'Edesia'22' was conducted on October 29, 2022,

contaminated food products. The festival was a big success, with a large turnout of students from both the university and neighbouring colleges.

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







## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

The Department of Environmental Science has organised a series of guest lectures and events covering various topics. On August 30, 2022, Dr Gopa Kumar delivered a lecture on otter conservation. On September 3, 2022, Dr Larence Surendra discussed ecological footprint and carbon footprint measurement. Later, on September 16, 2022, Dr Mohan

talked about nanotechnology and its environmental applications. On October 7, 2022, there were two speakers, Dr Shivakanan, who presented on AI Data Science, and Mr Karthikeyan, who spoke about the biodiversity of India. Finally, on November 19, 2022, Ms Bhavya addressed the topic of sustainability. These guest lecturers and events provided valuable insights and

knowledge to the students and participants in the Department of Environmental Science.

The department also organised field trips on the following dates and places: September 19, 2022 (IMD Indian Meteorological department), September 24, 2022 (Centre for Sustainable Development), September 29, 2022 (Visveswaraya Museum), and October 2, 2022 (Bhoomi College).







## DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

### FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Dr Jayarama Reddy

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

#### Dr Neelam Mishra

##### Published 2 book chapters:

Mishra, N Rakesh B (2022). Microbial Symbionts Functions and Molecular Interactions on Host In Dhanasekaran Dharumadurai (Ed) Symbiotic cyanobacteria in gymnosperms (pp 29-34) ISBN 978-0-323-99334-0 Elsevier publishing.

Mishra, N (2022). Microbial Symbionts Functions and Molecular Interactions on Host In Dhanasekaran Dharumadurai (Ed) Cynobacterial Symbiotic interactions in pteridophytes (pp 3-9) ISBN 978-0-323-99334-0 Elsevier publishing.

#### Dr N Praveen Kumar

Published a research article in Scopus indexed journal i.e.

Nagadesi P. K., Akella. V. K. S. N. P. (2022). Phenotypical identification, Mycochemicals, Proximate composition and Antifungal activity of *Fulvifomes fastuosus* (Lév.) Bondartseva and S Herrera from India. Research J. Pharm. And Tech. 15(10): 4746-2. doi: 10.52711/0974-360X.2022.00797, Cite Score : 1.3.

Published a research article in Scopus indexed journal along with Dr Stephen A of Botany Department, i.e. Nagadesi PK, Stephen A (2022) First record of the occurrence of *Pleurotus* species on new hosts in Bangalore, Karnataka, India. Plant Sci. Today, 9(4): 934 –938, Cite Score:1.1.

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

Published a research article in Web of Science/ Clarivate indexed journal along with IIIrd year BSc CBZ students Mr Dilip Hegde and Mr Shunish Mahantheshappa i.e. Hegde D, Mahantheshappa S, Reddy J, Nagadesi PK (2022) Soil Microflora in Rhizosphere of *Barringtonia racemosa* (L.) Spreng and *Rauwolfia serpentina* (L.) Benth. ex Kurz from Western Ghats region of Uttara Kannada. Karnataka, India Saudi J Pathol Microbiol, 7(7): 254-262. DOI: 10.36348/sjpm.2022.v07i07.001

Published a book chapter in Springer, Singapore Publisher i.e. Nagadesi PK, Arya A, Albert S (2022) Selective and Simultaneous Delignification Capacity of Wood Decay Fungus *Trametes pini* in *Tectona grandis* L. f. and *Terminalia crenulata* (Heyne) Roth. In: Arya A., Rusevska K. (eds) Biology, Cultivation and Applications of Mushrooms. Published by Springer, Singapore. pp 535-545, Online ISBN: 978-981-16-6257-7.





## Dr Lokesh Ravi

### Published Following Research Articles:

Leonard Barnabas Ebinezer, Ilaria Battistia, Nisha Sharma, Laura Ravazzolo, Lokesh Ravi, Anna Rita Trentina, Giuseppe Barion, Anna Panozzo, Stefano Dall'Acqua, Teofilo Vamerli, Silvia Quaggiotti, Giorgio Arrigoni, Antonio Masi (2022). Perfluorinated alkyl substances affect the growth, physiology and

root proteome of hydroponically grown maize plants. *Journal of Hazardous Materials*. 129512. (Scopus Q1: IF: 14.22)

RejiManjunathan, Vijayalakshmi Periyaswami, Kartik Mitra, Arokiaraj Sherlin Rosita, Medha Pandya, Jayaraman Selvaraj, Lokesh Ravi, Nalini Devarajan, Mukesh Doble (2022). Molecular docking analysis reveals the functional inhibitory effect of Genistein and Quercetin on

TMPRSS2: SARS-COV-2 cell entry facilitator spike protein. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 23:180. (Scopus Q1: IF: 3.169)

Lokesh Ravi, Jeyakanthan J, Kannabiran Krishnan (2020). Targeting VEGFR2 protein by marine *Streptomyces* sp. derived compound BECA: An in-vitro and in-silico analysis. *Journal of Basic Microbiology*. 60(11-12):983-993. (Scopus Q2; IF: 2.650)







Kavitha S, Lokesh Ravi, Vimala R (2022). Extraction, purification and structural elucidation of environmentally benign antifouling metabolite from *Streptomyces thermolineatus* VITKV6A. *Environmental Technology & Innovation*, 102096. (Scopus Q1; IF: 7.758)

Lokesh Ravi, BK Anirudh Sreenivas, GR Shree Kumari and O Archana (2022). Anticancer cytotoxicity and antifungal abilities of green-synthesized cobalt hydroxide (Co(OH)<sub>2</sub>) nanoparticles using *Lantana camara* L. *Beni-Suef University Journal of Basic and Applied Sciences*. 11:124. (Scopus Q3; IF: 2.03)

Kesavan MP, Lokesh Ravi, Balachandran C, Thangadurai TD, Aoki S, Webster TJ, Rajesh J (2022). Promising anticancer activity with high selectivity of DNA/plasma protein targeting new phthalazin-1 (2H)-one heterocyclic scaffolds. *Journal of Molecular Structure*, 134423. (Scopus Q2; IF: 3.841)

Girish Shabari, Lokesh Ravi and Krishnan Kannabiran (2022). Bioprospecting of actinomycetes

for anti-bacterial potential: A Review. *Research Journal of Biotechnology*, 17(10):133-142. (Scopus Q4; IF:0.35)

Ratul Bhowmik, Shubham Roy, Sounok Sengupta, Lokesh Ravi (2022). Computer aided drug design of florfenicol to target chloramphenicol acetyltransferase of vibriosis causing pathogens. *Journal of Applied Biology & Biotechnology*, 10(1): 76-84. (Scopus Q3; Clarivate)

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

### Dr Martin Paul A

#### Published Book chapters:

Martin Paul A, Jayanthi D, Sebastian L (2023). Primary and Secondary Endosymbionts aphid: *Buchnera* sps. Dhanasekaran Dharumadurai (ed) In *Developments in Applied Microbiology and*

*Biotechnology, Microbial Symbionts*, Academic Press, Elsevier. pp 587-598. ISBN: 9780323993340.

Malavika S, Kranthi S, Shishira Rao HS, Moily SS, Martin Paul A (2022) Isolation of Gut Actinobacteria from Termites. In: Dharumadurai D. (eds) *Methods in Actinobacteriology*. Springer Protocols Handbooks. Humana, New York, NY. ISBN: 978-1-0716-1727-4.

Thejaswini S, Jojy S, Vijayan A, Martin Paul A (2022) Isolation of Gut Actinobacteria from Fishes. In: Dharumadurai D. (eds) *Methods in Actinobacteriology*. Springer Protocols and books. Humana, New York, NY. ISBN: 978-1-0716-1727-4.

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Sebastian L, Paul AM, Jayanthi D (2022) Isolation and Production of Prodigiosin Pigments from *Streptomyces* spp.. In: Dharumadurai D. (eds) *Methods in Actinobacteriology*. Springer Protocols Handbooks. Humana, New York, NY. ISBN: 978-1-0716-1727-4.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Tarushi Vikram - Student of I year BZ bearing register number 222BZ15 took part in multiple motorsport championships. In the MRF MMSC FMSCI National Saloon Car Racing Championship held in Chennai she was placed 12th in the overall championship and 3rd in the Ladies' Championship.

Tarushi also took part in the Dirt Prix Autocross which took part on the January 15, 2023,

at Mountain View School, Chikmagalur. She finished 1st in the Ladies' Open, 3rd in the Pro stock 3 up to 2000CC and 5th in the Pro stock 2: up to 1650CC.

### Botanical Study Tour By II M Sc Botany Students

The students of second year MSc Botany were taken on a four day Botanical study tour to Wayanad, Kerala between November 3 to 6, 2022. They were given exposure to the vegetation and ecology of Western Ghats, native flora of Western Ghats as well the monoculture of Tea, coffee and cocoa plantations. Visits were also organised to MS Swaminathan Research Foundation botanical garden; Community Agrobiodiversity Center, Gurukula Botanical Sanctuary, Wayanad Social Service Society (WSSS) herbarium and medicinal garden. The students were trained in plant identification, techniques of plant processing and digital documentation of flora. As an outcome of the tour, the students submitted their field notebooks, study tour and herbaria (physical and digital) during their practical examination.

The students of first year MSc were taken for Botanical Excursion to Coorg from October 28 to 31, 2022. It was an informative exposure to the rich biodiversity of Western Ghats, getting a glimpse of the various fungi, algae, bryophytes, pteridophytes and angiosperms. This excursion enabled the students to study these plants in their natural habitat, adding more value to their knowledge. Students were trained in specimen collection, processing and digital documentation. The excursion encompassed Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary - a Ramsar site in Mandya, Balamuri falls, Poovaiah estate, timber yard - Anekaadu, Chiklihole Dam, Central Horticultural Experiment Station (CHES) - Chettahalli, Raja Seat - Madikeri, Talakaveri, Bagamandala, Namdrooling monastery golden temple, Harangi reservoir and Elephant camp.

### ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

#### Botanical Society

The Botanical Society organised an inaugural talk on October 1, 2022 by Mr Hemantha Naik,





Freelance Conservationist, Consultant, and ‘Guinness World Record’ awardee for his contribution to Science and Technology. The chief guest for the programme was Dr Ravikumar K, Emeritus Professor, Centre for Conservation of Natural Resources, Transdisciplinary University, Bengaluru.

The Botanical Society organised a Guest talk on November 23, 2022 by Dr Sanjeeva Nayaka, Principal Scientist, National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI), Plant Diversity, Systematics and Herbarium Division, Lucknow, India.

### **Carnation 2023**

The students of Botanical Society, Department of Botany, School of Life Sciences, SJU organised Botanical Society’s annual fest ‘Carnation 2023’ on January 20 and 21, 2023.

The day-1 event was formally inaugurated by Dr Jacob Paul V J. Head of the department of botany, Dr Vaishnavi M, PG Coordinator, and Dr Paramesha M, Coordinator of the Botanical Society, Dept. of Botany. The inauguration was followed by two guest talks delivered by two eminent researchers, Dr R Ganesan, Scientist, ATREE, Bengaluru and Dr BC

Nagaraja, HoD, Department of Environmental Science, Bangalore University. On Day 2, the event was inaugurated by Dr Beatrice Sequeira, Dean of School of Life Sciences, Dr Jacob Paul V J. HoD, Dr Vaishnavi M, PG Coordinator, and Dr Paramesha M, Coordinator of the Botanical Society, Dept. of Botany. The inauguration was followed by four events (Debate, Ikebana, Pushpith and Treasure hunt) organised for students and they actively participated and won prizes. Fr Almeida, Campus Minister was the chief guest for the Valedictory ceremony.

### **Phyto Talks**

The Department of Botany in collaboration with the Study Circle for Life Sciences – an initiative of Mr Emeritus J Ramakrishna (former Professor, Department of Physics, IISc) conducted an event titled “Phyto Talks” on October 29, 2022. Dr HG Nagendra, HoD of Biotechnology, Sir M Visvesvaraya Institute of Technology delivered a talk on “Computational Screening of Phytochemicals as Potential Therapeutics Towards Drug Discovery and Development”. Dr U V Babu, Head, R & D Himalaya Wellness Company, Bengaluru delivered a talk on

“Exploring traditional knowledge as alternative medicine: The potential research opportunities for young professionals.

### **CMCB Association Activities:**

#### **CMCB Inauguration**

Inauguration of the CMCB association took place on September 22, 2022 at Faber Hall, Auditorium, St Joseph’s University. The Resource Persons were Dr Praveen N, Associate Professor, Life Sciences, CHRIST (Deemed to be University); Dr Vijay Kumar Ranka, Managing Director, Focelite Goodness India Pvt. Ltd. Industrial Expert and Academic Expert lectures on research on latest trending topics were held. More than 50 students attended and benefited from both the lectures.

#### **CMCB Refreshers**

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

#### **CMCB “QriuzBeez 22”**

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



## DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

### Association Activities

#### 1. The MSc Biotechnology Student Association: Chiasma Inauguration:

‘Chiasma’, the postgraduate student association was inaugurated on 1 July, 2022. The student body of Chiasma was elected by the I MSc Biotechnology class and Sreeleakha S Kumar, Mayuri S, Yuti Vaghela, Gayathry S and Riya Kulkarni formed the student body of Chiasma for the academic year 2022-23. Chiasma hopes to connect science and creativity, engage students, and bring out the best in them. The inaugural event of Chiasma was held in Faber Hall at St Joseph’s University on 1 July, 2022 at 3 pm. Dr Rajalakshmi Srinivasan of IBAB, Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied

Biotechnology, a DST-INSPIRE Faculty Fellow, was the guest of honour. Dr Srinivasan shared her experiences as a researcher, and her journey from a science student to researcher. She encouraged students to constantly ask questions, seek and grab all opportunities that come their way, and fine tune the art of perseverance. Dr Srinivasan inaugurated the association and the Chiasma logo. Dr Susan Mary Philip, the PG coordinator, and Dr Madappa MB, the Head of the Department

also spoke at the inauguration and The event concluded with light refreshments and interaction with the faculty and the guest of honour.

#### 2. Webinar on Career Opportunities in Life Sciences:

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

#### 3. Initium novum:

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 programme. Initium novum was conducted on 7 October, 2022 at Faber Hall between 1:30 and 4:30 pm. The first peer talk was by Jonathan David (21BTY05), 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 (21BTY16), who spoke about her Indian Academy of Sciences Summer fellowship programme

at Dr Sweta Tyagi’s lab at CDFD, Hyderabad. The third talk was by Vaishnavi Pai (21BTY23), 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.

First year MSc Biotechnology students presented the research proposals they worked on as part of the Research Methodology and Scientific writing course, at a Research Symposium on February 11, 2023. The research proposals presented included Potential CRISPR-based alternatives to antibiotic treatment, early detection of pneumonia sepsis using miRNA by surface plasmon resonance, a pharmacogenomics approach for predicting drug resistance in Type 2 Diabetes mellitus, if FHR4 levels can be used as an early indicator of age-related macular degeneration, if the copy numbers of specific genes affect aging, and the effect of nanoplastics on mitochondrial dysfunction in brain cells.

Mr Nitish Dua and Ms Shivangi Verma from NCBS were the external examiners, and Ms Sunita Rajamani from the Department of Chemistry was the internal examiner.



## Visit to InStem and TIGS

In conjunction with National Science Day & Rare Disease Day, an educational visit was organised for first-year MSc Biotechnology students and selected third-year BSc CBBT and CZBT students to InStem (The Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine) on February 28, 2023. The visit comprised four talks by scientists from InStem and TIGS (Tata Institute for Genetics and Society), focusing on their organisations' aims and specific research topics. The programme also included laboratory tours and a visit to the Insectary and Type Collections facility. Dr Farha Ishtiaq, Principal Scientist at Tata Institute for Genetics and Society (TIGS) kick-started the visit by giving an introduction to National Science Day, and the significance thereof. Dr Bhagyashree Kuduskar gave an overview of rare genetic diseases with some facts: Rare Genetic Disorders plague 1 in 7000 people, with over 70 million patients in India alone. Dr Bhavana Muralidharan's talk opened with themes of research undertaken at InStem, with an introduction to the basics of stem cells and why their study can be important for clinical purposes. Professor Arvind Ramanathan highlighted the truly massive machinery the human body is, with a chart highlighting the human metabolism with thousands of enzymes, substrates and metabolites. A lab visit to Dr Bhavana's lab was a valuable experience for students, as was the tour of the Insectary and Type Collections facilities.

### Staff and Student Achievements

Reddy BM, Anthony Johnson AM, Jagadeesh Kumar N, Venkatesh B, Jayamma N, Pandurangaiah M, Sudhakar C. De novo Transcriptome Analysis of Drought-Adapted Cluster

Bean (Cultivar RGC-1025) Reveals the Wax Regulatory Genes Involved in Drought Resistance. *Front Plant Sci.* 2022 Jun 28;13:868142. doi: 10.3389/fpls.2022.868142. PMID: 35837463; PMCID: PMC9274130.

Venkatesh B, Vennapusa AR, Kumar NJ, Jayamma N, Reddy BM, Johnson AMA, Madhusudan KV, Pandurangaiah M, Kiranmai K, Sudhakar C. 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. *Front Plant Sci.* 2022 Nov 16;13:1055851. doi: 10.3389/fpls.2022.1055851. PMID: 36466254; PMCID: PMC9709484.

Yashwant RS, Thomas DS, Manoharan C, Roy G, Kunjupillai V, Mishra RK, Nongthomba U, Gopalapillai R. Transgenic Silkworms Overexpressing Relish and Expressing Drosomycin Confer Enhanced Immunity to Multiple Pathogens. *Mol Biotechnol.* 2022 Jun 64(6), 711–724. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12033-021-00438-0>.

Manoharan C, Thomas DS, Yashwant RS, Mudagal MP, Janadri S, Roy G, Kunjupillai V, Mishra RK, Gopalapillai R. Bioengineered and functionalized silk proteins

accelerate wound healing in rat and human dermal fibroblasts. *Integr Biol (Camb).* 2022 Dec 1;14(7):151-161. doi: 10.1093/intbio/zyac014. PMID:36314040.

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

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





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

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

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

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

**Dr Vereena Rodrigues, Dr Leema and Dr Nirmalya Basu** had applied for project grants under DST's 'Start-up Research Grant - SRG' scheme. Dr Vereena's project is titled as 'Yield enhancement and scale-up strategies for the production of vanillin isomer 2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde in root

cultures'. Dr Leema's project is titled as 'Sensitizing cancer cells to anoikis via down-regulation of IL1RAP'. Dr Nirmalya's project is titled as 'Cell autonomous immunity: Can somatic cells sense and respond to reinfection?'

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

**Sreya Mandal (21BTY16) and Teresa Fernandez (21BTY15)** were shortlisted to participate in the Biotechnology Industrial Training Programme (BITP)-2023. BITP is a programme of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, Biotech Consortium India Limited (BCIL) and is a scheme that offers practical industrial training for MSc/MTech/BE/BTech/MBA Biotechnology students. The objective of this programme is to provide industry-specific training to Biotech students for skill development and enhancing their job opportunities in the Biotech industry.

**Sreya Mandal (21BTY16)** was selected under the National level Indian Academies of Sciences (IAS) Summer fellowship programme, to

do a research project in Dr Shweta Tyagi's lab in the Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad.

**Ryan Pathak (20CBT15)** of final year CBBT has been selected as a delegate to attend the 'Youth Climate Conclave' on 19th-21st February, 2023, organised by TERI, the Delegation of the European Union to India, in partnership with UNICEF, GIZ, TERI and CEEW, with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change as nodal ministry.

Vishesh Asnani (20CBT) of final year CBBT, has been selected to pursue Master's programme in following Russell Group Universities - King's College, London, University of Glasgow, University of Leeds.

**Satvik K.S. (20CBT28)** of final year CBBT, received the prestigious Chief Minister's Commendation award as part of THAL Sainik Camp 2022.

**Aditi Ashwin (21CZBT19)** of final year CZBT, was selected for Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific (JNCASR) Summer Research Fellowship Programme (SRFP) at the Centre for Neuroscience, IISc, Bangalore. Aditi was also chosen for the Research Activation (ReAct) Programme conducted by Science and Research Opportunities in India (Sci-ROI@India) and WINStep Forward (WSF) between July - December 2022.





## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

### Events

A guest lecture was conducted on GST Laws and Procedures for II BCOM IFA students on June 30, 2022, in the De Nobili Hall. The programme was organised by Dr Sayantani Banerjee. Ms Tanushree welcomed the students and the resource person for the session. The resource person was CA Anil Bharadwaj, a practising Chartered Accountant and a Senior Partner and Founder partner in Bharadwaj and Hosmat Chartered Accountants. During the session, students gained critical exposure to filing returns among other processes with practical hands-on experience. He then discussed the implication of taxes with a mix of humorous references in Sanskrit from Kautilya's *Arthashastra*. The session concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms Jocelyn.

An MoU meeting was held on August 8, 2022, in the Board Room. Mr Rahul from Nanyang Technology University, Singapore visited our university to propose an MoU partnership with SJU. Nanyang Technology University is a prestigious university which ranked 19th on World University

Rankings in 2022. During the meeting several points were discussed including establishing a student exchange programme, a faculty development programme, and enhancing research and collaboration opportunities between both universities.

The Professional Interface Forum was held on September 9, 2022 by the Department of Management, School of Business to familiarise the students of BCOM with the functioning and nuances of the business world. Over four hundred students from BBA and SF were in attendance at the Forum. Dr Sushil Kumar Chaturvedi was the resource person for the session. He introduced the topic of international business and spoke about the top leaders of major organisations around the world. He explained how it is unavoidable for a business to go international for growth. Dr Sushil Kumar Chaturvedi encouraged the students to learn more about international business by highlighting how much potential the students have for assuming the role of the next CEO in a Fortune 500 company. The insightful and stimulating session was brought to a

close by a vote of thanks delivered by Ms Shalvi of III BBA.

A faculty orientation programme on CMA was organised on September 12, 2022. The Guest speaker of the programme was Mr Madan M, who is CPA and CMA qualified to work with First American from 2019. The programme was presided by Dr Christo Selvan V, Dean of the School of Business, SJU, and Ms Sarah John, Head of the Department of Management. The programme highlighted the scope and opportunity of the CMA programme. A detailed comparative analysis was done concerning other professional programmes offered in the industry. The eligibility criteria were also addressed during the session. Mr Madan discussed the syllabus, course coverage process and examination pattern.

On September 15, 2022, a session on work culture orientation at Tata Consultancy Services was organised by Mr Ravi Kumar, student relationship manager along with Mr Satish Seelam, Associate Vice-President of Tata Consultancy Services.



**Department of Management, School of Business  
signed MoU with St. Vincent Pallotti College,  
Bengaluru**

Students of III BCOM BPS, II BCOM BPS, and I BCOM BPS were present at the event. Mr Satish kicked off the programme with a fun event he called ‘connections’ which aimed to signify the importance of the course offered at SJU. He then went on to explain the process of interviewing fresher candidates at TCS. Rounding off the event, Mr Satish deep-dived into TATA. On the whole, the students of BCOM BPS left the session with a clear picture of what TATA is, Tata Consultancy Service, and the culture that the company has with most of their doubts cleared.

A guest lecture on Ace to ACCA was held on September 17, 2022, delivered by Mr Ankit V Mathew, an ACCA affiliate who secured second rank AIR in the FM paper. The event was presided by Ms Amita Priyadarshini, Dr Fathima Farzana, Dr Sayantani Banerjee, and ACCA coordinators, Ms Raj Kiran and Ms Gisa George. The programme commenced with a soulful prayer led by Fawaz Sohail of I IFA. Mr Mathew took over by highlighting the importance of ACCA. He also brought about how he fared in the ACCA and the sacrifices he had to make to reach his dream. To reach that dream,

he instructed the students on time management, self-fulfilment, and avoiding distractions by practising dopamine detox from time to time. The programme concluded with a Q&A session where further tips on preparing for the ACCA were delivered to the students. Vijay of II IFA wrapped up the session with a vote of thanks.

The association Corporate Connect from the Department of Commerce held an event on September 29, 2022. Mr Krishnan, an alumnus of St Joseph’s College of Commerce was invited to speak to the students of BCOM about his life from a student to becoming Managing Director of Iyer Idli. Mr Krishnan began his career as a professor at St Joseph’s College of Commerce. He worked for the investment banking team at Goldman Sachs for four years after leaving SJCC. His family had owned a business managed by his father, until 2009 when his father passed away. Mr Krishnan recollected that he struggled to work at two places, Goldman Sachs and his family business, and that the sentiment behind that was to help his mother. He also recollected that his childhood and even his life as a student were very different from

those around him. He didn’t have time to waste, since he also helped his father in the idli batter business when he wasn’t studying. At the end of the session, he highlighted a few points - that family must stand higher than everything else. Sleep is extremely important for the body to continue working.

The association Corporate Connect from the Department of Commerce held a guest lecture on the Evolution of Careers in retail marketing on October 17, 2022. Mr Barman, mentor of the Entrepreneurship Cell of BITS Pilani India and Advisory Board Member to multiple start-ups was present for the event. Mr Neil explained previously unknown histories of retail marketing making the session extremely interesting. He spoke about the role technology plays in the enabler, which has changed the paradigm of retailing. To conclude the session, he highlighted the importance of the customer in the retail process. A lively Q&A session saw a few more points brought up like behavioural data patterns pre and post-pandemic. On the whole, the session was highly interactive and educated the students on retailing very effectively.





The Alumni Talk Series was organised on October 19, 2022, by the Department of Commerce. The objective of the event was to provide a platform for present students to connect with various alumni of SJC to develop their careers and career paths. Alumni and ACCA affiliates Ms Ain Masoomah, Mr Pratheek Medappa, Mr Mohammed Salman, Mr Mohammed Hashim, and Ms Neha Janet were invited to this event. Ms Amita Priyadarshini, Head of the Commerce Department began the programme with a vivid explanation of the objectives for the next few hours of the programme. Mr Harsh Tejwani of III IFA was the MC for the programme. The Alumni recounted their general experience and thoughts on becoming an Affiliate. There were specific questions asked by the MC regarding exam preparation and managing college classes. The queries were answered appropriately by the affiliates based on their experience of preparation, examination performance, and managing college and professional studies simultaneously.

### Faculty Achievements

#### Ms Gisa George

Ms Gisa George authored two papers in 2022. Her first publication was a research paper on “A Study on Challenges and Future of Neobanks in India” in the *Web of Science Journal - International Journal of Early Childhood Special Education*

*Vol 14*. She also published another research paper on “ICT - The Catalyst in the Teaching-Learning Process - A Teacher’s Perspective” in the *International Journal of Human Rights Vol 9*.

#### Dr Christo Selvan

Dr Christo Selvan was part of the peer review board at the *Indian Journal of Economics and Development* in 2022. To commend his efforts in research, he also won the National Award for Excellence in Academia by Miles Education on November 26, 2022. He was a resource person for the online seven days national level experiential workshop on “Research Methodology” organised by the research centre of SJCC from 1st to 7th December 2022. Dr Christo Selvan was part of the Board of Studies meeting held on 2nd December 2022 conducted in Indian Academy Degree college, Bangalore.

#### Mr Charles Ambrose

Mr Charles Ambrose won the Best Paper Award at the First International Conference on Business Analytics and Intelligence in the Digital Era which was organised by the Department of Business Analytics of KPR College of Arts, Science and Research, Coimbatore. Over a hundred other pieces of work contributed by other workers in the field were considered for the award which Mr Ambrose won. Mr Ambrose also authored a paper on “A Study on Retails Individual Investors

Participation in Indian Stock Market During Covid-19 Pandemic” in the National Conference on Equity Market and Fund Management.

#### Ms Thejaswini Balaji

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

#### Ms Immaculate Mary A

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

#### Ms Princy Nisha

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

#### Dr Amudhan S

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

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

#### **Dr Preethi Sarah**

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

#### **Dr Ahana Ruth Pinto**

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

### **Students Achievements**

#### **Cultural**

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

#### **Paper Presentation**

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

Sharan Saji Mathew and Kushal M, Gireeshma Y and Ayushi H Rao, Shashank S Bathija and Syeda Bushra Ahmed, Mèghana Machireddy and Abdul Sahil, Neha Jain and Roshni Chhawchharia, Pallavi A Kuttipravan and Pragathi Loganathan, Tanisha Khatri and Shonali Soni, Devanksh K C, Manya Sharma and Sankarshana B P of III BBAA section presented papers in the national level seminar on Unlocking Innovations in Business

for Industry 4.0 organised by St Joseph’s University on July 7, 2022.

Maria Cynthia and Sam Godwyn, Karthik and Karthick R V, and Nikitha and S B Franklin of IIMCOM presented papers at the international conference named Green HRM for Sustainable Development organised by KSR College of Arts and Science for Women on October 27, 2022.

#### **Publications**

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

### **Shift III Guest Lecture**

On February 8, 2023, St Joseph’s University organised a special guest lecture to discuss Emotional Intelligence for Business Entrepreneurs and Emerging Trends in Banking, going beyond the regular curriculum. The aim was to help students develop critical thinking skills, expand their knowledge, and strike a balance between their career goals and personal life. The speakers at the lecture were Ms Sunitha Paneker, a Professor at UAE University - Oman, Mr Srinivas, Chief Manager at SBI, and Mr Varun Ramachandran. The institute’s focus was on nurturing each student’s aspirations, which greatly enriched both the students and the staff. During the lecture, Mr Srinivas used real-life examples and theories to explain how banks operate and the importance of understanding banking policies and terms. He encouraged students to develop critical thinking and emotional intelligence to excel in the banking sector. The School of Business aims to provide students with external knowledge about current banking policies and frameworks.

Mr Varun Ramachandran stressed the significance of learning beyond the curriculum. He shared his experiences from working with various organisations to promote personal identification, bridge the skill gap among youth, drive digital transformation, engage different generations, and foster diversity and equity in the workplace.

### **Guest Lecture - Law, Business Ethics and Artificial Intelligence**

On February 27, 2023, St Joseph’s University organised a special guest lecture that delved into Law, Business Ethics and Artificial Intelligence. The primary objective was to keep students updated on the latest technological advancements shaping the world. To make this event even more impactful, the institute invited two highly respected speakers, Dr C G Manjunatha and Mr Philip Varughese, who are experts in their respective fields.

Mr Philip Varughese, a well-known industry veteran with a solid background in Analytics & Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security & Risk Leadership, and Digital Transformation, provided insights on the global significance of understanding Artificial Intelligence. He also highlighted how the development of sophisticated machines might impact job opportunities, making students more aware of the changing landscape. Dr C G Manjunatha, an esteemed assistant professor with 16 years of teaching experience at MS Ramaiah College of Law, shared valuable insights into IPC sections and knowledge on consumer and seller disputes. His expertise in the legal domain offered students a deeper understanding of the laws governing businesses, making the lecture informative and credible.





## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

### International Conference on Sustainability through Modern Corporate Resources

On July 6, 2022 the School of Social Work organised an International Sustainability Conclave with special focus on usage of modern corporate resources. Mr Steve Miles, CEO – Emerging Leaders and Ms Nalini Shekar, Executive Director – Hasirudala were the chief guests for the day. Several resource persons gave their talk in the sessions based on minimal usage of products, reduction of carbon footprints.

### Student Orientation

The newly joined BSW and MSW students had a two day orientation on August 25 and 26, 2022. In

the session the modalities of the department, protocol with regard to fieldwork, understanding field nitty-gritties and the context of Practicum in Social Work were discussed. The staff in the department highlighted various dos and don'ts in fieldwork, recording and the ethics involved while interacting with people in the field.

### Social Action – #Justice for Bilkis Banu

The School of Social Work participated in a protest demanding justice for Bilkis Banu on August 27, 2022 at Freedom Park. The students and staff condemned the release of the 11 convicted rapists of the cruel gang rape case. Several Human Rights activists,

Non-Governmental Organisations, Religious Institutions, students from several educational institutions participated in the event raising slogans and singing songs in support of Bilkis Banu.

### HR Seminar

The postgraduate students of Social Work had a special guest lecture on the theme “HRM – Yesterday, today and tomorrow”. The programme was held on September 19, 2022. Mr Roger Joseph Lurshay – HR Business Partner in Oracle was the resource person for the day. He spoke about the current issues that a HR faces, the skills required for the students to be recruited as a HR and the necessary qualification add-ons that can help them in being a corporate Social Worker.





## **SWEFT Inauguration**

SWEFT (Social Work Eco Friendly Team), an initiative of the students of Social Work, had its inauguration on September 28, 2022. Mr Suresh Heblikar – Filmmaker, and Mr Akshay Heblikar – Director, Eco watch were the chief guests for the day. The guests highlighted the need for an environmentally friendly lifestyle and highlighted certain statistical evidence that puts across the need for conserving the environment. The students had an interaction at the end of the session in understanding the challenges with regard to Carbon footprints and how it can be reduced.

## **SWEFT ITC Seminar**

Social Work Eco Friendly Team, School of Social Work organised a Dry Waste Management Awareness Campaign in collaboration with ITC WOW (Well Being Out of Waste) on October 22, 2022 at St Joseph's University Bengaluru. The main speaker for the day was Mr Jena Sudhakaran, Programme Officer from ITC WOW, who spoke about dry waste management, including segregation of waste, why it is important to segregate waste, and how this process can affect waste-pickers and landfills. He also spoke about individual responsibility of waste management and about segregation of daily household waste into wet waste, dry waste, biomedical waste, e-waste, and reject waste.

## **Participation in Rural Social Work Mela**

The Undergraduate students of Social Work visited a mela that supports Social Work for grassroot level workers hailing from rural vicinity. A three day mela organised by Barefoot College, Tillonia showcased the works of rural artisans and grassroot workers from November 18 - 20,

2022. The aim of the event was to promote local economy and rural Social Work.

## **Testimonies of Burn Survivors - Aweksha**

On November 26, 2022 the School organised a programme in support of burn survivors in collaboration with Aweksha Trust. Smt B Cauvery IAS – Project Director, Samagra Shikshana, Government of Karnataka and Dr B Sujatha Rathod, Director – Directorate of Medical Education were the chief guests for the day. The programme had the release of the calendar in support of the burn survivors following which the victims of domestic violence and fire burns spoke about their experience and their living conditions.

## **MoU Signing between SJU and Prarambha and ITC**

On December 12, 2022, the School of Social Work convened the signing of two MoUs between St Joseph's University and Prarambha – a rights based organisation and the CSR wing of ITC. The MoU between SJU and Prarambha will focus on taking up students of Social Work as interns who will work for free legal aid setting and ministering for under trial victims.

The MoU between St Joseph's University and the CSR wing of ITC will focus on sustainability as part of which there will be greener initiatives and management sessions undertaken to make the campus a zero-waste campus.

## **UNCW Student- faculty Exchange**

The School of Social Work hosted a student exchange for 12 students from the School of Social Work, University of North Carolina Wilmington, USA from December 12 - 20, 2022. The week long exchange programme

had an international workshop, faculty student exchange, inputs on the anthropology of Indian social problems, visit to various NGOs that work for several fields of Social Work and a two day stay programme at Visthar where workshop was conducted on the politics in India with regard to caste, religion and gender. The week-long exchange came to an end with a banquet hosted by UNCW for the faculty and the management of SJU.

## **Tandav**

December 18, 2022 the School of Social Work hosted Tandav - a festival of inclusion in collaboration with the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, USA, Growth School, Oracle, Smileys India and 15 other organisations. Over 800 participants including differently abled individuals of all ages across the nation took part in the event. Dance, music, and fun constituted the festival from the inaugural ceremony till the closing ceremony. The aim of the celebration was to bring out the talents of persons with disability to many and also create awareness among students and the community in understanding the challenges faced by the person with disabilities and their resourcefulness.

## **International Workshop on Anger Management**

On December 19, 2022, Dr Arthur from the School of Social Work, UNCW gave an extensive session about evidence-based approaches to deal with anger management. His knowledge on negative reinforcement, positive parenting, humanistic approach and Gestalt Therapy was an eye-opener for the audience. The workshop helped the audience to learn how to recognise, cope and express anger in fruitful ways.





### **Session on Migrant Workers and their Conditions**

The I MSW and the II BSW students participated in a session on the living conditions and the challenges faced by migrant workers on December 19, 2022. Fr Arun SJ highlighted the reasons for rural-urban migration and the role of government, voluntary sectors in alleviating the issue.

### **8th Ambedkar Memorial Lecture**

The 8th Ambedkar Memorial Lecture of the School was hosted on December 20, 2022. The guest speaker of the day was Mr Shivsunder, a notable journalist and social activist. The guest speaker spoke extensively on democracy and its significance in Indian society. He provided the audience with an understanding of democracy and stated that democracy was not just a political system but also a social and economic system. He explained the constitutional concepts of Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy. He also highlighted the need for inclusion of women in society and the importance of free and equal education for all.

### **Data Analysis Workshop**

The School of Social Work, St Joseph's University organised

a workshop on Data Analysis on January 28, 2023 for the students of II MSW. The resource person of the workshop was Dr Rama Gokula Krishnan. The workshop covered data entry and introduction to data analysis, percentage analysis, ANOVA, correlation and regression, and non-parametric tests.

### **Politics of Rape**

The School of Social Work organised a one-day seminar on the theme "Politics of Rape" co hosted with SIEDS, Bengaluru on February 11, 2023. The programme had a lot of participants from the transgender and commercial sex worker community who raised concerns over security issues and violence faced by women and gender minorities. Several activists from the field participated at various capacities in the programme.

### **National Conference on "Social Inclusion, Democracy, and Human Rights"**

The two day conference was held on February 23 - 24, 2023. It was a collaborative event with the Indian Social Institute, Bengaluru, where students from various colleges, universities, research scholars, academicians, and others across the country presented papers on social inclusion, democracy, and human rights. A lot of deliberations and discussions happened on different

themes related to vulnerable communities. The faculties of school of social work moderated each panel based on their expertise in the specific field. The chief guest for the day was Dr Sarasu Thomas, NLSIU and for the valedictory, we had Dr Arvind Narrain, Founder and Director of Alternative Law Forum.

### **National Conference**

The School of Social Work, organised a National Conference on Participatory Perspectives Towards Sustainable India on April 12, 2023. The Conference was inaugurated by Padma Shri Saalumarada Thimmakka. The chief guests at the Conference were the Consulate General of Italy - Mr Alfonso Tagliaferri, the Consulate General of Japan - Mr Katsumasa Maruo, and Deputy Consulate General of Germany - Mr Friedrich Birgelen. The keynote speaker was Ms Irom Chanu Sharmila known as the 'Iron lady of Manipur'. The conference was organised under three sub themes viz., Medical and Psychiatry, Community Development and Human Resource Management.

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

On March 1, 2023, the School of Social Work organised a talk on Self - Care matters in Mental Health:

Relationship-focused Interventions. Dr Sojan Antony, Associate Professor from the Department of Psychiatric Social Work, NIMHANS came as the resource person of the day. He highlighted certain aspects related to positive reaffirmations and how to keep up one's self positively, further, he also helped the youth in understanding certain age-appropriate healthy practices that can help in avoiding mental health risks.

### **Fieldwork Academician Practitioners Meet**

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

### **SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (SWSA) INAUGURAL CEREMONY 2022-23**

The inauguration of the Social Work Students' Association for the year 2022-2023 was held on October 19, 2022 in Xavier Hall, PG block. Mr David Kumar, Specialist - Environment, United Way, Bengaluru was the chief guest for the ceremony. He addressed the students about environmental issues in the current situation and he encouraged students to take up initiatives to protect the environment. The programme continued with an overview of the

association given by the Dean of the School Work, Fr Augustine Lourdu. He explained about the history of the association, the activities conducted and achievements received by SWSA. Prof Viola Noronha, SWSA coordinator, introduced the members of the core committee for the year 2022-2023 followed by the oath taking ceremony by the core committee. There was a cultural programme where students of BSW and MSW gave enthralling performances. The programme ended with the vote of thanks by Moukuhi Dutta Phukan, the newly elected president of the association.

### **ALUMNI LECTURE SERIES – III**

#### **Lecture 1**

The first lecture of the Alumni Lecture Series - III for the year 2022-2023 was held on November 2, 2022 in Xavier Hall. The theme for the session was 'Role of Social Worker in Mental Health Setting.' The resource person for the session was Mr Xavier B from NIMHANS, Bengaluru. Mr Xavier started the session by helping the students to understand the meaning of health, mental illness and mental disorder. He highlighted the roles of social workers in the mental health setting, psycho social intervention and units in NIMHANS. The concluding remarks were shared by Dr Mary Princess Lavanya.

#### **Lecture 2**

The second lecture of the Alumni Lecture Series - III for the year 2022-2023 was held on November 26, 2022 in De Nobili Hall, Auditorium block. The theme for the session was 'My Social Work Journey' and the resource person was Mr Varun Jagannath. The resource person gave an introduction and asked the students for their expectations out of the

session and started addressing each concern. The session was interactive where the resource person spoke about his life journey in social work. He also spoke about the evolution of social work, the importance of questioning, the scope and challenges of social work.

### **WORLD CANCER DAY - AWARENESS PROGRAMME**

The I BSW students and the Social Work Students Association of the School of Social Work organised a programme to raise awareness regarding cancer on World Cancer Day which is commemorated on February 4, 2023. The class was split into two groups and each group was sent to a government run school each. Group 1 was sent to G.U.L.P School in Akkithimmanahalli and Group 2 was sent to Need Base India in Shantinagar. The programme involved a mime through which the children were exposed to three causes of cancer namely, smoking, unprotected manual labour work at the industrial setting and unhealthy eating habits. The emcees explained the mime and ensured that they conveyed the right message to the children. The event concluded with a dance and action songs. The children participated with full interest and enthusiasm.

### **FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **Ms Viola Maria Noronha**

Co-authored a paper titled 'Breaking Barriers building Communities-A case study of Bandhavi a project of the NGO Visthar', which was presented at a national level conference on Innovations and Pedagogy in Higher Education and Social Sciences, Management and Education organised by Institute





of Social Science and Humanities, Srinivas University on December 29, 2022.

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

#### **Dr Alan Godfrey A**

Dr Alan Godfrey edited a book titled Social Inclusion, Democracy and Human Rights published by the Indian Social Institute, Delhi.

Recommended the thesis of Fr Shinto Joseph Thalian – Research Scholar, Department of Sociology and Social Work, Christ University for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work by being the external for the viva voce held there on September 22, 2022.

Invited as a resource person for a workshop conducted for the fellowship students of Mercy Mission Foundation on December 20, 2022. He conducted the workshop on the theme “Power Dynamics in a Rural, Urban and Tribal Community: What to observe and learn”.

Invited as a resource person for a two day workshop on Social Work Research Methods and SPSS. The event was hosted by the Department of Social Work, DG Vaishnav College, Chennai on January 19 and 20, 2023.

Invited as an external examiner for the Grade exams in Bharatanatyam conducted by Bridge Academy, Chennai (Affiliated to Periyar University, Salem) on January 22, 2022.

Invited as resource person for a Faculty Development Programme on “Quantitative Research and Data Analytics” by St. Claret’s College on February 7, 2023.

Invited as a resource person to conduct the workshop on the theme “Knowledge dissemination through scientific writing and publishing” by the Mainframe Research Forum, St Joseph’s College of Commerce on March 2-3, 2023.

Invited by St Aloysius College, Bengaluru as a resource person for an FDP on “Scientific Writing and Publishing” on March 10, 2023.

#### **Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan**

Completed a government funded major research worth Rs 18 lakhs by project as a co-investigator.

Published a paper titled “Wellbeing of Palliative Care Workers During Covid-19 Pandemic: Implications for Social Work Practice” in the Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life & Palliative Care, a scopus and web of science indexed journal by Routledge: Taylor and Francis

Published a paper in the Journal of Intellectual Disabilities on the

topic “Working with adults with intellectual challenges to enhance their employability skills”.

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

#### **Dr Shari Tess Mathew**

Presented the poster ‘Patient Perspectives On Process Of Recovery In Schizophrenia. A Qualitative Study’ at the Joint Congress of the World Association of Social Psychiatry and the Faculty of Rehabilitation and Social, Royal College of Psychiatrists, UK, London , 2023.

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

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







# ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTE OF COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES



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## EVENTS ORGANISED

Organised, in association with Josephite Media Forum, “A Hands-On Session on RT” with Mr Shujayathulla E (Facilitator of Programmes, Karnataka Indian Social Institute) and Mr Manohar R (Executive Director & Human Rights Defenders Alert, CARE-India) on September 13, 2022

Organised, in association with Josephite Media Forum, a workshop on “News Aggregation” taken by Soumya Chatterjee (Former Bureau Chief, The News Minute) on September 17, 2022

Organised a “Lecture on Political Campaigns and PR” by Vishwanath Patil on September 29, 2022

Organised, in association with Josephite Media Forum and Images, a lecture by K Gopinathan (Retired Chief Photographer, The Hindu) titled “The Art of Story-Telling through the Lens” on October 1, 2022

Organised a talk by B Pradeep Nair (News Editor, The Hindu)



titled “Inside the Newsroom” on October 8, 2022

Organised a talk by Shruti Bojamma (Head of Digital Marketing, Quess Corp Ltd.) titled “Public Relations: An Industry Insider’s View” on October 18, 2022

Organised, in association with Bangalore Film Society, Pedestrian Pictures and Gamana Women’s Collective, a film festival and panel discussions titled “The Elephant and the Ant: The Story of a Republic” from October 19 to 21, 2022

Organised a talk by Harish Krishnamurthy (COO, PlanB & Owlworx Design) titled “Advertising: Preparing for a Career” on October 22, 2022

Organised, in association with FSI Media and Erasmus+, a

session on “Combating Cyber Bullying through Alternate Safe Space & Deleting Hate Speech” on November 3, 2022

Organised, in association with Josephite Media Forum, a “Data Journalism Workshop” with Jasmin Nihalani (Data Journalist, The Hindu) on November 5, 2022

Organised, in association with Josephite Media Forum, “Industry Insider Series” by Kailash Saraban (Independent Creative Consultant) on January 28, 2023

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

### Mr Avishek Suman

Co-authored a paper, with D S Poornanda, titled “Matrilineality and Portrayal of

Women in Meghalaya Cinema”, published in Media Asia, 2022,

### Mr Maruthu Pandiyan

Credited in the production of the Tamil film Udanpaal

### Mr Shabin PK

Delivered a guest lecture titled “Documentary/Short Film Making” as a resource person at Presidency College on November 11, 2022

Delivered a guest lecture titled “The New Media: Opportunities & Platforms” as a resource person at the Department of English, M D College, Pazhani, on February 9, 2022

Member of the Arrupe Cup-winning team from St Joseph’s University during the BJES Inter-Unit Sports Day





# ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

## DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

### EVENTS ORGANISED

Technical Talk on “Cloud Computing: Industry Perspective”

The first programme organised during the academic year was a technical talk on “Cloud Computing: Industry Perspective” which was held at the Conference Hall, Magis Block on October 1, 2022. The resource persons were Mr Abbas (Method Hub Pvt. Ltd.), Ms Sandhya Varma, Ms Sara Kutty, Mr Prasad and Mr Hubert Shanthan. 72 participants gained wider information and knowledge on the theme.

The spokesperson Mr Abbas, a programme manager at Method Hub with over 20 years of experience in the industry, talked about various aspects of cloud computing specifically focussing on AWS - including the services

and certifications provided by them. He also indulged in the prospective career roles offered to those with AWS certifications and the areas one can excel in. Later in the session he also briefed about the underlying fundamentals of cloud computing technology and its relevance in the present day scenario.

### Seminar on “Metaverse and Guidance for Resume Creation”

The Department of Computer Science along with Technophite organised a seminar on “Metaverse and Guidance for Resume Creation” on October 18, 2022. Nearly 40 participants have gained knowledge on the topic and said it was enriching. Christopher Marshall was the resource person for this event which was organised by Dr A M Bojamma and Dr B G Prasanthi.

JWL Executive President Visit for Reviewing Existing Courses and Introducing New Courses

Fr Peter Balleis, SJ, Executive President of JWL, visited SJU for the third time to update the benefits of Certificate Courses offered by our university since September 2020.

Fr Balleis visited SJU on November 24 and 25 to discuss the inclusion of more courses and also to review the existing courses. The review aimed to update the current six-month courses to year-long courses. Officials from St Joseph's University attended the meeting to know the benefits of certificate course offered by various departments of SJU to regions across the world. Currently 24 countries and 62 learning centres across the world access the online courses. With the guidance and support of Frs Marcel, Pradeep



and Richard Rego, JWL online courses have been successfully offered since September 2020.

The Certificate courses offered by four departments – the Department of English, the Department of Commerce, the Institution of Communication and Media Studies and the Department of Computer Science – were briefly discussed and reviewed.

### **Pre-Placement Talk**

A pre-placement talk was organised by AWS Academy, Department of Computer Science, for final-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 themselves for the same. He also talked about different aspects that an interviewer will look for in the resume of a fresher and how one can stand out as one. The session was interactive as he conducted mock interviews and gave students a sense of what is to be expected and how to groom ourselves to enter into the corporate world. It was such an enlightening session and has helped students prepare and gain confidence to do well in interviews and in securing a good job.

### **Workshop on Cross-Function Team (CFT-JWL)**

On November 15, 2022, a workshop for 32 JWL

coordinators across 24 countries and 62 learner centres was conducted by Fr Peter Balleis, SJ.

The workshop emphasised the importance of updating the coordinators' roles and their contributions to make JWL grow further in reaching more students across the world. Ms Banu M represented SJU as coordinator of Academic Delivery for two Certificate courses - Creative Writing and Design. Modules designed by different departments such as English, Visual Communication and Animation, Computer Science and Applications, Business Administration, E-commerce, Accounting and Entrepreneurship were presented.

### **Coding Workshop**

A workshop on coding was held on October 10, 2022. Mr Himmath Hussian (HR, Decision Minds) and Mr Abbas (Method Hub Pvt. Ltd.) were the resource persons. Ms Sandhya Varma, Ms Sara Kutty, Dr Hubert Shanthan, Dr Prasanthi coordinated the programme. 102 students and participants were present for the event.

### **Multiplexer 2022**

The Cybernetics Association under the Computer Science Department held its Annual Orientation Programme 'Multiplexer' on September 15, 2022.

This meeting is held especially for all the students of the Computer Science Courses (BCA, PMC, MEC, CMS) and exclusively for the freshers. But

this year, students from other courses also joined this event.

The event began with an introduction by Shashikala. Two alumni, Edmund and Samreen, spoke about their experience in the association.

Around 170 students attended this event. The core-committee divided the students into small groups on Teams so that they could take part in interactive games. These games nudged students to go out of their comfort zones and socialise with their peers. Few of the events that our core-committee organised were Introduce Yourself, Guess the Gibberish, Rebus, Super Questions and Quizzes, Enacting Celebrities, and Dumb Charades.

### **Industry Interaction with Tata Consultancy Engineers**

The department had an interaction with engineers from Tata Consultancy Services on December 15, 2022. This was part of the department's continuous endeavor to bridge the gap between academia and the IT industry. The main objective was to create a talent pool of industry-ready students and to create a teaching ecosystem which will provide value to business needs in the areas of IT infrastructure, IT applications, Maintenance & Support, etc.

### **Guest Lecture**

The Department organised a guest lecture on October 29, 2022. The resource person was Mr Amarnath (Associate Manager, Test Engineering) The programme was organised by Dr B G Prasanthi.

## **Workshop on Cyber-Security**

This three-day workshop was organised by the Department of Computer Science with the help of resource persons to give a better understanding in the field of cyber-security. The speakers were from the cyber-security industry. The resource persons spoke about several sub-topics under cyber security which helped students accrue information and expertise in the field. This programme would help students integrate better learning with their professional goals allowing them to build a career in cyber security or advance as a leader in strategic roles.

## **Academic Interaction with Queen Mary University, London**

This programme was an academic interaction among three resource persons: Mr Stephan, Mr Martin and Ms Adelica from Queen Mary University, London. All the faculty members of the Department of Computer Science were present. During this inter-university interactions, the syllabus, value added courses and current trends in IT and research were discussed. There were also discussions on faculty and student exchange programmes.

## **Seminar on IoT**

This seminar has been organised by the Department of Computer Science with the help of resource persons to give a better understanding in the field of IoT. The speakers were subject experts on IoT from Queen Mary University, London. They spoke on the importance

of IoT in the current context. A video on hyper-reality was played. They emphasised on the need of standardization in IoT environments. The pros and cons of IoT in modern society were also discussed.

## **Syntaxia '23**

“Creating opportunities means looking where others are not”. This is a quote that rightly and aptly describes the vision and mission of St Joseph’s University. From ensuring that the voice of each and every student is heard to providing them an impetus to pursue what they dream, the university and the entire faculty have always catered to nurturing students to become the best version of themselves in a holistic manner-which has led to this day: the exordium of Syntaxia 2023.

Syntaxia is a two-day annual flagship intercollegiate fest of the Cybernetics and Technophite Associations for UG and PG students respectively, under the Department of Computer Science. Held on February 23 and 24, 2023, Syntaxia '23 consisted of over 20 events both technical, non-technical and gaming events. Over 500 participants from various colleges and universities across the city.

The inauguration of the Syntaxia '23 was graced by the esteemed chief guests, Mr Vineet Jain (CEO, BlueRose Technologies Private Limited), Mr N C Muniyappa (Former IAS and Principal Secretary, Tourism Department, Government of Karnataka) and Rev Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ (Director of St Joseph’s Institute of Information Technology) along with the Head of the Department of

Computer Science, Ms Sandhya, PG Staff coordinator, Ms Mary Merline Rani, Staff coordinator of Cybernetics and Technophite Association, Dr Shashikala D and Dr BG Prashanti (respectively) and all the other teaching and non-teaching staff. The Josephite choir led the inauguration with their soulful rendition of the prayer song “Open the eyes of my heart Lord”, followed by the Welcome Dance by Indian Dance Team of St Joseph’s University. The esteemed chief guests proceeded to light the ceremonial lamp with the staff and student coordinators of the association to give a solemn start to the occasion. Dr BG Prashanti, the staff coordinator of Technophite Association, welcomed the gathering by throwing light on the history and legacy of the institution, recognised the efforts that were behind the organization of the fest. The chief guests declared the Syntaxia '23’s commencement by unveiling the official posters for Syntaxia '23.

The chief guest for the Day, Mr Vineet Jain addressed the students with an insightful keynote lecture about the recent developments in computer science, how skills are an important aspect of any student’s life and proceeded to tell the students to be passionate about everything they go forward to do in their lives. He was later felicitated by Rev Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, with memento as a token of respect. Rev Fr Denzil Lobo’s speech to the student community about VUCA world and staying prepared for ambiguous situations was eye opening and indeed gave us a new perspective on life and future. Followed by him, our Guest of Honor, Mr



N C Muniyappa addressed the students on being a harbinger of change and its necessity in today's society and social situations encouraging them to venture into fields of public services. He was also felicitated by Rev Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, with a memento as a mark of gratitude. The inauguration ceremony was concluded around 11 am by a Vote of Thanks by the host, Mr Siddharth.

#### National Tech Summit TECHX

The National Tech Summit, "TECHx: Decoding the Future of IT & Innovation", was hosted for the first time by St Joseph's Institute of Information Technology under the guidance and leadership of Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, on March 30, 2023. This event brought together leading technology experts, academics, industry leaders, and students to discuss the latest trends, advancements, and innovations in the field of Information Technology.

The 2023 National Tech Summit, TECHx featured a diverse group of keynote speakers, each with unique insights and expertise in their respective areas. Mr Rajesh Rao spoke on "IT and Games – Creativity + Innovation + Technology" while Mr Nikhil Bhatt delivered a lecture on "5G & Beyond". Mr Brian Pais looked at "Technology Evolution – AI, Chat GPT Impact and SAPERP".

The National Tech Summit, TECHx was attended by a wide range of individuals, including professionals, students, academics, and entrepreneurs. It was an excellent opportunity for those interested in the field

of Information Technology to learn about the latest trends, innovations, and best practices from experts in the industry. The summit hosted more than 1000 students in the University Auditorium and students participating from various other colleges.

The National Tech Summit, TECHx also offers a unique opportunity for students to engage with industry leaders and gain insights into potential career paths in the technology field. It provides a platform for students to network, ask questions, and learn about emerging technologies that will shape the future of the industry.

### FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Patents

Ms Mrinmoyee Bhattacharya published a paper on "An Early Warning Model for Commercial Bank Risk in China based on Deep Learning Approach" in The Patent Office Journal No. U/S 11A with the Application No. 202241061395 on November 18, 2022.

Dr Nithya published a paper on "Protective Lab Table using Nanotechnology" in the Patent Office Journal No. U/S 12S on on March 4, 2023.

#### Research and Publications

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

Dr B J Hubert Shanthan has been a part of Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems and published a paper on "AROSTEV: A Unified Framework to Enhance Secure Routing in IoT Environment" published in LNNS, Vol. 399.

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

#### As a Resource Person

Dr BG Prasanthi has been invited as internal guide to evaluate a PhD, thesis at Bharatiyar University, Coimbatore.

Dr BG Prasanthi was invited as a session chair for the international conference on "Recent trends and development in computer science" at JAIN University on March 24, 2023.

Ms Banu was the Online Facilitator of Web Design course for JWL Students.

Ms Sara Kutty T K was the Online Facilitator of Web Design course for JWL Students.

Ms Banu was a resource person at St Alphonsis College for their Women's Day Celebrations held on March 8, 2023.

Ms Banu was a SPOC for Infosys Spring Board representing SJU.

Ms Banu was an Online Guest Lecturer and Facilitator for Creington University, USA, in Data Structures and Algorithms using Java Programming, from March 13 to May 6, 2023



## DEPARTMENT OF ADVANCED COMPUTING

### DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

#### Association inauguration: Sigma Squared

On February 6, 2023 the Department of Advanced Computing inaugurated their association, Sigma Squared, at Xavier Hall, St Joseph's University. The association is dedicated to promoting analytics-driven mindset and student engagement through various activities like Podcast Interviews, ADDA sessions and the IT fest - Datagram. The event was graced with the presence of the chief guests - Mr Premanand Bhupathy Raju (Analytics and Insights department of TCS), Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ (Director SJIIT), Dr Jayati Bhadra (Head of the Department), Dr Srinivas Bhogle (Visiting Professor), and other faculty members of the department. Mr Premanand Bhupathy Raju, who has 19 years

of experience in Data Science Delivery, Analytics Consulting, Presales and Solutions, shared the views on personnel development and training, industry standards and ethics, etc. The outgoing council introduced the new council members, which was followed by an oath taking ceremony.

#### Investiture Ceremony: Analytica Association

On March 1, 2023, the Analytica Association of the Department of Advanced Computing conducted an investiture ceremony. The chief guest of the ceremony was Mr Magesh Srinivasan who is a chief mentor and a digital consultant at Uxury. The ceremonial lighting of the lamp was done by the chief guest, Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Dr Jayati Bhadra and Dr Sivakannan. The event followed with the welcome address about the association and its objectives. The chief guest shared his insights about

the industry and the growing aspects of Data Science. The presidential speech was given by Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ. The programme concluded with an oath taking ceremony where all the core committee members were badged in by the chief guest. The association presented a short trailer of the upcoming flagship fest of Analytica: "INCOGNITO" to the chief guest and audience.

Seminar on "Importance of Research and Publication in Higher Education"

The seminar was held on February 23, 2023 at PG Lab, St Joseph's University. The session was handled by Fr Dr S Xavier, SJ (Director St Joseph's Research Institute). Fr Xavier is a distinguished personality with an enormous experience in the field of research and is the author of many scientific research papers. The session consisted of several research





methodology techniques with the main focus on journal selection, UGC requirements, plagiarism checks, intellectual property, and NIRF framework. The seminar highlighted the importance of quality research and encouraged the students to take up novel ideas and chase them. Following the seminar, there was a discussion about the ethical considerations of research, including issues related to the need for greater collaboration between industry, academia, and government to ensure that research is encouraged more and deployed in a responsible and ethical manner. The students of MSc Big Data Analytics were present in the venue.

### **ADDA Lecture series**

For the latest session of ADDA – Conversations with Masters, the Department of Advanced Computing was honoured to have the most esteemed Padma Shri Dr Bimal Kumar Roy as the chief speaker. He was accompanied by Mr L Ravichandran, founder AiThoughts.org. The session took place at MSc Big Data Analytics Lab at 11:00 am on March 9, 2023. Dr Bimal Roy, an authority

on Statistics and Cryptology, gave an account on the current state of cryptology in the dynamic banking industry and discussed the applications of statistics in everyday life. A fun-filled session that included interesting demonstrations and challenges was followed by the Q&A session. The young and curious minds of MSc BDA (2022-24) batch presented thought-provoking questions to which the answers were an affirmation of Dr Bimal Roy's expertise in the multifarious spectrum of statistics. The session was concluded with a vote of thanks.

### **Datagram 5.0**

Sigma Squared Association of the Department of Advanced Computing organised the fifth edition of its annual fest – Datagram 5.0. This two-day inter-collegiate IT fest had 120+ participants from five colleges namely Christ University, BMS College of Engineering, REVA University, Mount Carmel College and the host St Joseph's University. Adding to the grandeur of the event sponsored by Unacademic and Lush Resorts, Bengaluru, were the

numerous stalls set up in the UG block of the campus. The various events conducted in two days. On March 27, 2023 Datagram 5.0 was inaugurated at Xavier's Hall by Chief Guest Mr Sanjeeb Paul (Senior Manager of B2C Programmes at Ethnus). The final rounds of events were held on March 28, 2023. Various events named Bug Hunt (Debugging), Data Gambit (Quiz), Young Data Scientist, and Data Quest (Treasure Hunt), Data Dilemma (Debate), BattleZone (Gaming), Event-X(Surprise), and Rewind (Reel making) saw participation of students from various colleges. The IT fest's valedictory ceremony was addressed by the chief guest Dr Srinivas Bhogle (Honorary Scientist at CSIR Fourth Paradigm Institute, India). With a lot of cheering and support, Christ University won the Overall Championship Banner. This event was a test and proof of the Department's meticulous planning and event management ability. The success of the event is credited to the teamwork and hard-work of PG students and staff of the Department.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Mr Francis Densil Raj V

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

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

Published a patent titled IoT based Automatic Smart Water Quality Monitoring System for all purpose using Wireless Sensor Networks and Machine Learning Algorithm, with application number: 202341003220 A, and Publication Date: February 17, 2023.

Published a patent titled Artificial Intelligence based Automatic smartHealthcare system to prevent and predict by identifying the role of Inflammatory and Angiogenic Mechanisms in Cardiovascular Diseases using Image processing and Deep Learning Algorithm with application number: 202341006001 A, and Publication Date: February 24, 2023.

### Dr Asha K

Published a book chapter titled “Reducing Counterfeit Medicine through Blockchain Security” in IOE: Security and Privacy Perspective, an edited book under Routledge, CRC Press Taylor & Francis Group Book series – Computational Intelligence Techniques. ISBN: 9781032431741, on September 18, 2023.

Published a paper titled “Real-estate Housing Market Analytics

and Prediction using Bigdata for Post Pandemic era” in Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems, indexed in Springer, March 2023.

Accompanied students to Ungra Village, Amruthuru Hobli, Kunigal Taluk, Tumkuru district as part of National Service Scheme, Annual Rural Camp 2022 – 2023 in collaboration with NSS Units 1, 4 and 5, on March 2 - 4, 2023.

Delivered a talk on “Women Empowerment and Gender Equality” during NSS Annual Rural Camp 2022 – 2023 in collaboration with NSS Units 1, 4, and 5 to Ungra Village, Amruthuru Hobli, Kunigal Taluk, Tumkuru district, on March 2 - 4, 2023.

### Ms Jeshma Nishitha D’Souza

Completed “AI 4ICPS” I HUB Foundation organised by IIT Kharagpur on March 4-19, 2023.

### Ms Jayati Kaushik

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

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Mr Lohith (20BCAB19) presented paper titled “Prediction of Strength Concrete with Nano Silica and Silica Fume Using Deep Learning Techniques” at the International Conference on Climate Resilient Construction and Building Materials, organised by National Institute of Technology, Karnataka, Surathkal on March 3-5, 2023.

Mr Musaib Ahmad Khanday (20BCAB32) won Third place in the event LOGISTICS GAME at

INCEPTRA 2023 organised by Rajagiri College of Management and Applied Science, Kakkanad, Cochin on February 11, 2023.

Ms Preethi Singh (20BCAB47) was selected in the Bengaluru City University Cricket Team (Women) to represent India in the Inter-University Championship for the year 2022-2023.

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

Nandhana V, Shreya Sharma, Balraj Kaur, Kulsum Shabbir, Jasmine A, Ashita M, Lakshmi, Asin F, Jeesa Panja, Varshini P, Amina Sana and Minal Jain (students of II BCADA) won First Place in Kho-Kho (Girls), at Pegasus Intramurals, organised by SJU University on January 18, 2023.

Shreya Sharma, Balraj Kaur, Kulsum Shabbir, Jasmine A, Ashita M, Lakshmi, Jeesa Panja, Varshini P, Amina Sana, Minal Jain (students of II BCADA) won First Place in Football (Girls), at Pegasus Intramurals, organised by SJU University on January 23, 2023.

Nandhana V (221BCADA06) and Adlyn Glenita D’Cunha (221BCADA50) won Second Place in Cooking Without Fire for the event SANCHALANA 2023 organised by Kannada Sangha, St Joseph’s University on January 24, 2023.

Slaven Derick Pais (221BCADA51) won Third Place in Best out of Waste for the event SANCHALANA 2023 organised by Kannada Sangha, St Joseph’s University on January 24, 2023.





## ARRUPE LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTRE



### EVENTS CONDUCTED

Inaugurated the e-Library powered by Knimbus RAS on August 22, 2022.

Conducted User Education Programmes for newly recruited faculty and newly admitted students.

Conducted an e-Resource Orientation Programmes for the faculties and students of all the schools and institutes.

### Faculty Development Training Programmes

Arrupe Library & Information Centre in collaboration with St Joseph's Research Institute has conducted the following 3 FDTP programmes:

Faculty Development Training Programmes (FDTP) on "Research Tools And Applications" on August 4, 2022.

Faculty Development Training Programmes (FDTP) on "SJU's

Milestones Towards Research & Publications" on August 22, 2022.

Faculty Development Training Programmes (FDTP) on "Use and Application of Plagiarism Detection Software" on January 14, 2023.

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



## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND RESEARCH APPLICATIONS

The below-mentioned e-resources, research tools and applications are subscribed and procured during the year -

- e-Books and e-Journals from Taylor & Francis
- e-Books from Cambridge University Press
- e-Books from Pearson Education
- J-Gate: An Online e-Journal Gateway
- American Chemical Society Online Database
- SciFinder Online Database
- Statista: An Online Statistical Database
- Economic Political Weekly Research Foundation India

Time Series (EPW RF ITS) Online Database

- India Business Insight (IBI) Online Database
- MIMI-MICA Indian Marketing Intelligence Online Database
- SPSS
- SeeSAR & StarDrop software for life sciences
- OriginLab Software
- Stata software

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS:

**Dr Shivakumar T C**

University Librarian

Successfully completed UGC Approved Short Term Training Programme (STP) on “Recent Advances in Library Management and Information Technology” conducted by

IGNOU-SOSS from September 12 to 17, 2022.

Successfully completed and awarded with A+ Grade in UGC-Sponsored Refresher Course on “ICT Application in Libraries: Planning and Implementation” held from January 9 to February 2, 2023.

Invited as Resource Person by St. Xavier College, Jaipur, Rajasthan, for FDTP and delivered a talk on “Research and Plagiarism Tools for Publication” on March 25, 2023

**Mr Premkumar**

Assistant Librarian

Attended a two-day workshop on “Hypotheses formulation and techniques of data analysis” organised by DLISc, Mysore University, on January 27, 2023.







## SHIFT III REPORTS



### Odd Semester

#### Constitution Day Report

On November 26, 2022, Shift III of St Joseph's University celebrated Constitution Day with great fervour. The programme aimed to pay homage to the framers of the Indian Constitution and instil the core values enshrined in it in the student community.

The programme began with an administration of the pledge on upholding constitutional values by

Fr Maxim Dias, Director of Shift III, to all participants. This was followed by a keynote address by the guest of honour, Dr MK Lodi, a senior advocate, professor of law and HR, and consultant in labour laws. He emphasised the significant contribution of the Indian Constitution towards nation-building and how it has laid the foundation for India's progress.

The highlight of the event was a panel presentation on "Contribution

of Indian Constitution's Core Values towards National Growth - Challenges and Road Map Ahead." The panel was moderated by Dr Kanishka, and the panellists included Mr Naman Vankdari, a lawyer, visiting professor, entrepreneur, and co-founder of Indian Conclave, Bangalore, and Ms Rohini Dayalan, an associate with a top legal firm, Tri-legal, Bangalore.



The AICUF team from St Joseph's Law College presented a skit on "Sensitizing Constitutional Ideals, Rights and Duties."

Overall, the Constitution Day programme was a resounding success and achieved its core objective of highlighting the significance of the Indian Constitution and instilling its values in the student community.

### Visit to Brilliant Printers at Nelamangala

The Department of Journalism at St Joseph University (III Shift) had 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. During the visit, students were taken to different sections of the printing press and had the full view on offset printing and various procedures related to it. They had first-hand experience of making plates, page layout, placing of ink,

rubber roller, the placing of the plates, printing papers, printing, binding and distribution, which are part of the printing technology.

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- giving it a final shape. On the other side of the room, the cover pages of the book were being laminated in machines.

The students spent some time interacting with employees and learned more about the procedures of modern printing technology.

### Halloween Flash Mob

On October 31, 2022, as a part of the Halloween celebrations, members of the WMA enthralled the 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 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 to a medley of popular songs.

### Karnataka Rajyothsava

Karnataka Rajyothsava was celebrated by the staff and students of Shift III of St Joseph's University on November 16, 2022 in the main auditorium. It was organised 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 sharing anecdotes. He also encouraged the students to learn and use the Kannada language as long as they are in the state of Karnataka. Fr Maxim Dias SJ, the





director of Shift III of SJU presided over the function and addressed the gathering on the richness and diversity of the state of Karnataka. The programme concluded with various cultural programmes.

### **Fresher's Day for Shift III Students**

Fresher's Day for the Shift III Students was organised on October 6, 2022 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the main auditorium of the University to welcome the students to St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. Although the main event was held on October 6, 2022, there were many competitions such as dance, singing, etc organised during the week before the event to provide an opportunity for the students to showcase their talents.

### **Even Semester REPORT ON MAGIS LECTURE SERIES -1**

The first instalment of Magis Lecture Series was organised on March 2, 2023. The lecture

series aimed at helping students understand the importance of cultivating a plan for the future through the first lecture themed 'How to fuel your dreams?' Ms Sangeetha Nikkam, the programme manager-finance at Public Affairs, explored multiple avenues that are present to the present generation while imploring the students to develop a sense of social responsibility. She stressed on the importance of bridging the gap between the classroom and society during the first session. The second session was on the theme 'How to establish a startup?' by Mr Abhishek Dwivedi.

He gave advice on the qualities that an entrepreneur should possess and urged students to translate their dreams into reality by being disciplined and consistent with their work. The lecture series commenced with a prayer led by Mr Joshua and his team followed by a welcome speech by Mr Preet Jain. Mr Rihas and Ms Nandana introduced the speakers to the audience and Ms Avanthika

delivered the vote of thanks. Ms Astha was the MC for the event. The lecture series was convened by Mr Jerrin Chandan S and Mr Prashanth Kumar.

### **SCHOOL OF BUSINESS - REPORT ON GUEST LECTURE**

St Joseph's University organised a special Guest Lecture on Emotional Intelligence for Business Entrepreneurs, Emerging Trends in Banking, learning beyond Curriculum on February 8, 2023. To expand the knowledge and Critical thinking of students and develop their skills in balancing their career goals and personal life. The speakers were Ms Sunitha Paneker, Mr Srinivas, Chief Manager of SBI, and Mr Varun Ramachandran.

#### **Ms Sunitha Paneker**

Ms Sunitha Paneker, Professor of UAE University – Oman was the Keynote speaker in various forums emphasising the importance of Emotional Intelligence for



Business Entrepreneurs, using realistic examples with the aid of theories and definitions. Ms Sunitha Paneker, being a motivational speaker, motivated the students to do the best of their ability and being an upgraded version of themselves.

**Mr Srinivas – Chief Manager of SBI**

Having 39 years of experience in his career, Mr Srinivas presently works as Chief Manager (Learning) at SBILD (Staff Training Centre). He has worked in various areas in SBI like General Banking, Retail Banking, Rural Banking, SME, Trade Finance etc.

He emphasised on the various aspects of banking and provided students with information regarding FinTech and the history of Banking, Mobile Banking and Digital Banking. Banks being the centre of finances, Mr Srinivas provided a complete overview of how banks work, how that could

help students and the policies and terms that they carry.

The School of Business ensures that students are given information on the current banking policies and its framework.

**Mr Varun Ramachandran**

He is known as a result - oriented and performance - driven Learning and Development Professional with 11+ years of experience in Ernst & Young Global Delivery Service Bangalore, Higher Educational Lead, and Professional Development Coach - GDS. He spoke on the topic Learning Beyond Curriculum working for several organisations in order to promote and focus on personal identification, brigading the skill gap amongst the youth and others, enabling the digital transformation, he concentrates on engaging generations and retaining the talented people at the rate of improving the diversity, and equity at the workplace.

**Guest Lecture - Law & Business Ethics and Artificial Intelligence**

St Joseph's University organised a special Guest Lecture on Law & Business Ethics and Artificial Intelligence on February 27, 2023. The University invited resource persons Dr C G Manjunatha and Mr Philip Varughese to empower and bring awareness amongst the students.

Mr Philip is an industry - recognised Analytics & Artificial Intelligence veteran, Cyber Security & Risk Leader, Digital Transformation Executive, with around 20 years of domestic and international experience. He completed his Post Graduate in Mathematics, Master of Philosophy in Mathematics and Diploma in Computer Applications. He is also a Certified Design Thinking Practitioner (from Luma Institute, USA).

He spoke on the importance of understanding Artificial





Intelligence that is emerging across the globe. He also emphasised on the job opportunities that would get affected with the development of elegant machines.

Dr C G Manjunatha is an Assistant Professor at M S Ramaiah College of Law and possesses 16 years of experience in the teaching field. He has been awarded PhD in Law by Bangalore University for the research work entitled “Functioning of Consumer Dispute Redressal Agencies in the State of Karnataka -A Legal Study with Reference to Housing Services”

He helped students understand the importance of laws and policies that are implemented on the products and services rendered by several companies and how one can resolve the complaints and find the remedies using the Law and Penal Code. He inspired the students with his simplicity and motivated the students to be ambitious towards their dreams and aspirations.

### Women’s Day Celebrations

International Women’s Day was commemorated by the Women’s Cell, Shift III, on March 8, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the University auditorium.

#### Panel Discussion:

A panel of second semester student representatives of UG and PG: Ms Sumeeta Chanda, MA English, Mr Joshua Antonio Raposo, MA English, Mr Mohd. Umar Farooq, BA (Optional Eng.-Psychology), and Ms Aayesha Dey, BA (Journalism-Sociology) discussed this year’s UN’s Theme for International Women’s Day – DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality.

The session was moderated by Dr Ratnakshi, Department of English, SJU. The points shared by the four panel members generated fruitful discussions on several dimensions of technology and its role in gender equality. The panellists discussed

unequal access to technology due to one’s gender, class, and regional identities. An emphasis on increasing incidents of cyber censorship and crimes against women was brought up by all four panellists. In addition, positive contributions of innovation and technology such as avenues of work-from-home for new mothers, and platforms to unionise online were also discussed. After the discussion by panel members, the moderator invited the audience to share their observations and comments. It generated a discussion between the panellists and other students.

#### Guest Talk:

Ms Geeta Menon, Founder, Stree Jagruti Samiti, delivered a thought-provoking talk. She discussed various aspects of discrimination faced by women belonging to different identities and intersectional feminism. Her talk emphasised her work for the



rights of domestic workers and the newer forms of challenges faced in the fight for their rights with increasing technological surveillance through applications like MyGate. Students had an engaging discussion with the guest speaker after her talk.

### **Cultural Programme:**

Students of the Dance Association, Sehnaz and Haafiza, gave a wonderful performance. Ms Bharathi along with her team from shift III UG programme performed an impressive mime on various forms of gender-based violence.

Orientation Programme for Students & Parents / Guardians Shift III, St Joseph's University

To welcome the students and orient them towards the expectations set for the new semester, an Orientation Programme was organised on January 10, 2023 by Shift III for its students and their parents/guardians. The programme commenced at 5:30

pm in the auditorium. Dr Greta D'Souza, Associate Professor and Head of Department, School of Education, Christ (Deemed to be) University was the Chief Guest. She addressed the audience on the importance of Freedom and Responsibility. The occasion was graced by four other dignitaries; Fr Maxim Dias S J, the director of Shift III, Mr Prashanth Kumar, the coordinator of Shift III, Mr Abriel Simon Kajar, the General Secretary of the University and Student Representative from Shift III, and Ms Rashi Tibrewal, from I MA English Language and Literature.

The faculty addressed the audience regarding various subjects. Mr Prashanth gave an overview about the Mission and Vision of Jesuit Education, and the activities planned out for the second semester, Mr Ebenezer K, Assistant Director of Bembala, introduced the outreach programme - Bembala, and Dr Kanishka K, Assistant Professor

from the department of Commerce addressed the audience on the mentoring programme.

Following a break, the students and parents/guardians were directed to the allotted classrooms to meet their respective mentors.

Under the leadership of the coordinators, Ms Prathibha Sara Jacob, Assistant Professor from the Department of English, Ms Lakshmi S, Assistant Professor from the Department of Commerce and Mr Prashanth Kumar, the Coordinator of Shift III, all the faculty members played their part and contributed to the success of the programme.

### **Guest Lecture – School of Humanities For II Semester BA & MA Students Shift III, St Joseph's University**

A Guest Lecture was organised on February 27, 2023, for the BA and MA students of Shift III to initiate a fruitful and healthy conversation



on the contemporary social and political Indian reality. The lecture commenced at 5:00 pm in Faber hall. Mr Bhaskar Simha LN, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, St Joseph's College of Law, was the speaker. He addressed the audience on "The Debt of Salt; Caste, Food, and Politics." The lecture was followed by a group discussion where the students shared and discussed their experiences. The lecture effectively opened up a platform for the students to listen to, think and talk about the everyday realities that are often overlooked.

### **Guest Lecture - Youth and Social Media**

On February 27, 2023, Mr Prashanth delivered a guest lecture on the topic "Youth and Social Media" Mr Prashanth is an expert in the field of digital marketing and has worked with various organisations on social media

campaigns. His talk focused on the impact of social media on young people and the challenges it poses for them.

During the lecture, Mr Prashanth discussed the widespread use of social media among young people and the various benefits it offers. He emphasised that social media can be a valuable tool for self-expression, building relationships, and networking. He also acknowledged the role of social media in promoting positive social causes and raising awareness.

However, Mr Prashanth also addressed the darker side of social media and its impact on young people. He pointed out that social media addiction, cyberbullying, and exposure to inappropriate content are major concerns for young people.

Mr Prashanth also discussed some practical ways in which young people can navigate social media in a safe and responsible manner.

He emphasised the importance of setting boundaries and being mindful of the time spent on social media. He encouraged young people to take breaks from social media and engage in other activities, such as exercise or creative pursuits. He also stressed the importance of being cautious about sharing personal information and interacting with strangers online. The lecture was well-received by the audience who found it informative and thought-provoking.

### **Tejas 2023**

The first ever inter-class cultural fest exclusively for the Shift III students of St Joseph's University was organised between March 27, 2023 and April 3, 2023. The week-long fest was inaugurated on March 27 by Shift III director, Fr Dr Maxim Dias by lighting a sky lantern and releasing the fest banner hand-painted by the students.





The campus looked ethereal with lights and lamps everywhere. The inaugural event ended with the Dance Association enthralling everyone with their medley performance, tipping their metaphorical hat to the varied cultures of India.

Beginning from March 28, 2023, 26 competitions ranging from literary to performing arts, fine arts and digital arts were held between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm every day so that the events didn't clash with regular classes. The students participated in large numbers and their enthusiasm was palpable.

The theme for this year's *Tejas* was 'Inclusivity elevates all'. The events were tailored to give each student an opportunity to showcase their talents irrespective of their courses and subjects.

The Satsophia Association hosted a variety of competitions such as 'Reelathon,' 'Photography,' 'Pitch-a-movie' and 'Quiz.'

The fest concluded on April 3, 2023 with stage events such as

Ethnic Parade, Group Singing, Group Dance and the most awaited Personality contest. The event was graced by Fr Dr Victor Lobo SJ, Vice - Chancellor of the university as well as Fr Dr Maxim Dias, Shift III Director. The auditorium was beaming with joy as the students saw their friends showcasing their talents. With the end of each competition the anxiety and enthusiasm of each class increased as the scores would add up to declare the overall champions of the fest. After a nail biting final, BBA-D won the first ever trophy as overall champions, followed closely by BBA-C which won the runners-up title.

Mr Prajwal Tenginkai from BBA-D was declared Mr Tejas '23 and Ms Avantika from BA-JS was declared Ms Tejas '23. The awards were given away by Fr Dr Victor Lobo SJ, Fr Dr Maxim Dias and Mr Prashant Kumar.

The students as well as the faculty members bid adieu to the week-long fest with the hope of a bigger event next year.

### **Report on the visit to the National Gallery of Modern Art**

The visit to the National Gallery of Modern art was scheduled on March 10, 2023 from 3:00 pm exclusively for the students of the Creative & Critical Thinking course, one of the specialisations of the Skill Enhancement Course (from all the shifts).

The visit had two main objectives— to nurture creativity in young minds, and to enhance critical thinking and the spirit of enquiry.

The students were welcomed by the gallery staff and were informed about the History of the Museum. The Deputy Curator of the gallery gave a description about the current artefacts on display. The students were then led to the gallery to view the artefacts. The students were also encouraged to submit a reflection of the art which they related to. The students were thrilled and went as far as to say that more learning happened in places like these than classrooms.



# ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION

of St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru



## 140TH ANNUAL DAY



St Joseph's University hosted its 140th Annual Day celebrations on April 28, 2023. The event was graced by the chief guest Mr SD Shibulal, Co-founder, Infosys and Axillor Ventures, and the guest of honour Mr Vinay Rai, Indian film actor and alumnus. The event was also attended by Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ, Pro-Chancellor, Dr Fr Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice-Chancellor, and other officials of the University.

The programme opened with a dance for invoking the blessings of the Almighty, followed by the University Anthem sung by the SJU Choir. The Welcome

Address was delivered by Dr Joyce D'Souza, convenor of the College Day, followed by a video presentation of the Vice - Chancellor's Report. On this occasion, Mr Venkataramana and Mr Dominic Savio were felicitated on their retirement from service. Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Director, St Joseph's Institute of Information Technology introduced the chief guest Mr Shibulal. Before his address, the chief guest was honoured traditionally and felicitated by Fr Lobo and others on the dais. Mr Kiran Jeevan, PRO and Assistant Professor, Department

of Social Work, introduced the guest of honour Mr Rai, who addressed the gathering. The Pro - Chancellor delivered the Presidential Address.

The draft of Blue & White, the University Magazine, was released on this occasion. Prizes were given away to the meritorious students of the University. Ms Champakumari M, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, delivered the Vote of Thanks, followed by the National Anthem, thus bringing the occasion to a close.





## GRADUATION DAY 2023



The graduation ceremony for the outgoing students was held on May 5, 2023 in the University Grounds with much gaiety and fervour. Lapel pins were handed out to excited students. Mr Nigel George, the Master of Ceremonies, guided the students by sharing a personal anecdote on the theme ‘transformation.’

The event began with the university anthem sung by the university choir, after which Dr Vaishnavi M gave the official

welcome address. The Vice - Chancellor, Fr Dr Victor Lobo SJ addressed the outgoing students and wished them well in their future endeavours. “Once a Josephite, always a Josephite” rang loud across the grounds. In his Presidential Address, Pro-Chancellor, Rev Fr Swebert D’Silva SJ spoke about the same spirit while highlighting the qualities that define a person who graduates from these hallowed walls.

The occasion was graced by two alumni as the Chief Guests, Mr Rajeev Krishnan, Former MD and CEO of Spar and Mr Saikat Chatterjee, Head of Policy at Google Cloud. After Ms Shalmali Kamat introduced Mr Rajeev Krishnan he was felicitated with a shawl and memento. Mr Krishnan delivered a heartfelt message to the students. The next guest, Mr Saikat Chaterjee was introduced by Dr Neelam Mishra and was felicitated.





He too got a big applause from the crowd while he relived memories from his days in the campus. The farewell song was sung by the outgoing students and what followed was a sharing of memories, a lot of humour, and messages from the Valedictorians, Ms Fathima Qadri (Sciences), Ms

Lakshmi Nair (Humanities), Ms Ameera Nasreen (Commerce), Ms Vaishnavi Shivani Pai and Ms Merlin Jose from the Post Graduate courses. Prof Anuplal then addressed the students regarding the Alumni Association before the formal ceremony of handing over the flag was initiated by Mr Vignesh K (Sports

Secretary) and Ms Hazel Mary as they handed the symbolic flag over to the Vice - Chancellor. This was followed by a solemn pledge administered by Dr Melwin Colaco, the Registrar and a prayer led by Ms Grace Crasto. The formal function was concluded with the vote of thanks by Ms Rajalekshmi.







## RETIRED STAFF

### Dr Veena Adiga

Dr Veena Adiga, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, retired on December 31, 2022. She joined St Joseph's College in December 1990 and served the institution for 32 years. Dr Veena Adiga was an ambitious, enthusiastic and passionate teacher, always encouraging and motivating the students to strive for excellence in their academic life. During her tenure, she served as PSA coordinator and was instrumental in organising various events and activities. She is also an ardent lover of the Kannada language and did her best in popularising it among the students. The institution is grateful for her illustrious service to the Department of Physics and to the University and congratulates her on her retirement.

### Mr Vedavyasa TV

Mr Vedavyasa TV, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, served the institution for nearly 36 years. He joined the institution on September 1, 1986 and retired on December 31, 2022. Mr Vedavyasa contributed immensely to the department in several areas, especially in the field of physical chemistry. In 2014, he completed a UGC minor research project on Catalysis of Esterification on Zirconia Alloy. He 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. He served as the PG Coordinator of Chemistry from 2015 - 2017. He always maintained a very harmonious relationship with everyone and was deeply respected by all. The institution thanks him for his distinguished service to the Department of Chemistry and to the University and congratulates him on his retirement.

### Dr Sajida Ahmed

Dr Sajida Ahmed, Head, Department of Hindi retired from service on December 31, 2022 after 28 long years of service. She joined St Joseph's College on October 31, 1994 as Lecturer of Hindi. She then served in St Joseph's College of Commerce as HOD, Department of Hindi from 2002-2018. She rejoined St Joseph's College in 2018. Dr Sajida Ahmed was awarded three gold medals for her subjects during her post graduation. She completed her PhD in 1994 on the topic "Govind Mishra: Ek Anusheelan". She has edited four Hindi books, which have been used as textbooks in six autonomous colleges. She has also written articles for various illustrious newspapers and magazines. She is known for her jovial personality and optimistic approach to life. The institution thanks her for her dedicated service to the Department of Hindi and to the Jesuit institutions and congratulates her on her retirement.



### **Mr Venkataramana B**



Mr Venkataramana B, Attender, joined St Joseph's College as peon on July 2, 1984 and was later promoted to serve as an attender at the Department of Zoology till July 31, 2022. He was known for his humility and hard work, along with his jovial and friendly attitude. The institution is grateful for his dedicated and committed services and congratulates him on his retirement.

### **Mr Anthony Swamy (Prakash)**



Mr Anthony Swamy (Prakash), Attender, joined St Joseph's

Evening College on September 1, 1984. In April 2003, he was transferred to St Joseph's College and ever since served in the Admin Office. He retired on November 30, 2022 after a total of 38 years and 3 months of dedicated service to the Jesuit Institutions. Today, many old records, certificates and files are in place at the institution due to his efforts many years ago. Owing to his friendly nature he also helped facilitate several government approvals and procedures for the institution. The institution is grateful for his dedicated and committed services and congratulates him on his retirement.

### **Mr Dominic Savio Z**



Mr Dominic Savio Z, Attender, joined St Joseph's Pre University College on May 2, 1985 and rejoined St Joseph's College in 2013 as an attender in the PG Library. He served the institution for 38 long years until his

retirement on February 28, 2023. The University appreciates him for doing an excellent job in caring for the entire library. He is known for his humility and hard work, and for reaching out to the students. The institution is grateful for his dedicated and committed services and congratulates him on his retirement.

### **Antony Raju D**



Antony Raju D, Attender, retired from service on June 30, 2023, on reaching superannuation after 34 long years of dedicated service. He joined St Joseph's on August 23, 1989 as an Attender and served various departments. He is a hard worker and is known to be friendly, cheerful and a man of great faith. The University appreciates his contributions to the institution and wishes him a happy retired life.

*St Joseph's University wishes you the best for your future endeavours!*

*Thank you and Happy Retirement!*

# WEDDINGS



**Ms Rajalekshmi L S**

Department of English

**and**

**Mr Vinay P**

**December 11, 2022**

**Mr Jerrin Chandan**

Department of English

**and**

**Ms Vinitha S**

**December 28, 2022**



**Dr Deepa Mathew**

Department of  
Mathematics

**and**

**Mr Alan Vinodh**

**January 1, 2023**





# WEDDINGS



**Ms Jissna Mathew**

Department of  
Psychology  
and Counselling

**and**

**Mr Vimal Jose**

**January 4, 2023**

**Ms Sarah John**

Department of  
Management

**and**

**Mr Peter Issac  
Samuel**

**February 16, 2023**



**Mr Pruthvi  
Kashyap G**

Department of Commerce

**and**

**Ms Shanthala S Rao**

**February 22, 2023**





# WEDDINGS



**Ms Chandni  
Bhambhani**

Department of Sociology

and

**Mr Shishir Mathew**

**March 16, 2023**

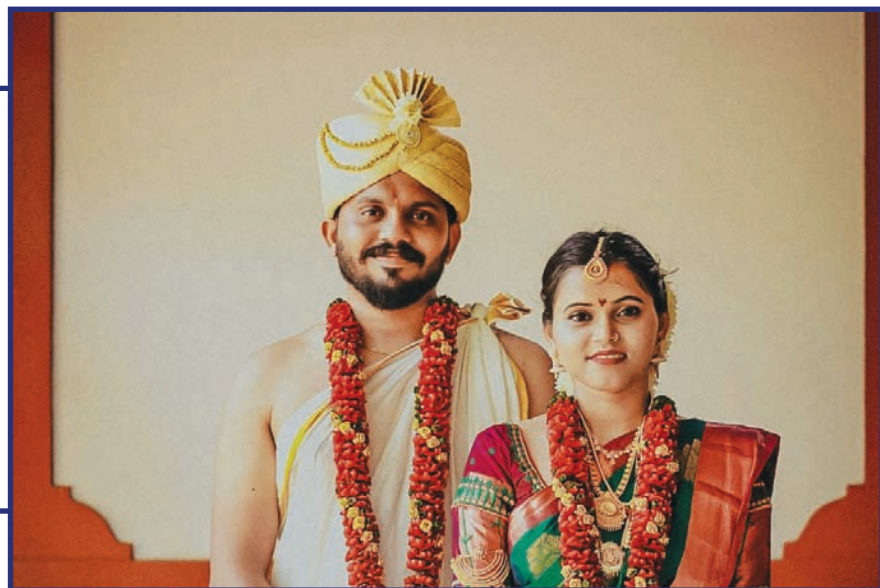
**Mr Sachin Acharya**

Admin Staff

and

**Ms Vidyalaksmi**

**May 21, 2023**



**Dr S Rama Gokula  
Krishnan**

School of Social Work

and

**Ms Yaalini  
Venkateshwaran**

**June 4, 2023**





# OBITUARY



**Dr Putul Banerjee**

Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology  
passed away on **November 1, 2022.**



**Rushil Jain (21BBAA77)**

Student II BBA A, passed away on  
**February 14, 2023.**



**Prajanya Thapa (20JIP039)**

Student, III JIP, passed away on  
**December 30, 2022.**



**Yuimi Shaiza (221PM12)**

Student, I PM, passed away on  
**April 11, 2023.**

**As we move forward, we think about those who brought colour into our lives as their own faded away. May their souls rest in peace.**

# DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## STUDENT PARTICIPATION AND AWARDS

NAME AND BATCH	TOURNAMENT	EVENT	POSITION SECURED
Prashanth V 18 HEP	State Level Dasara Games C M Cup	Taolu - Nangun	Gold
Darshan R Reddy III CBZ	State Level Dasara Games C M Cup	Sanshou	Silver
Kushee M Jain III EPS	36th National Games, Gujarat 2022	Hockey	Participation
Iksha Kiran Kalle I BBA SF		Water Polo	Participation
Chaithanya I BCOM			Participation
Megan Fernandes I ENG		Cycling	Participation
Chaithanya Uma Shankar II BCOM B	36th National Games, Gujarat 2022 and 75th Senior National Aquatic Championship	Swimming	Participation
Iksha Kiran Kalle I BBA SF			Participation
Vyjayanti Bharadwaj I BTBY	75th Senior National Aquatic Championship	Swimming	Participation
Pradhi Jain II BCOM	National Golf Tournament	Golf	Participation
Vedansh Prashanth Reddiyar II BCOM	National Level Lawn Tennis Tournament	Tennis	Participation



Dorothy V.B 21 BCOM A	National Throwball Championship	Throw Ball	Participation
Tarushi Vikram I BZ	MRF Saloon Car National Championship 2022, Madras International Circuit, Chennai	Motor Sports	Sixth overall, Second among women
	MRF Saloon Car National Championship 2023, Madras International Circuit, Chennai		Ninth overall, Second among women
	FIA Rally Star Asia Pacific Finals, Madras International Circuit, Chennai.		Fastest woman driver. Second fastest Asian driver
	Asphalt Traxx Autocross Aruani Grid		Second among women Second in Pro Stock (2000CC)
Aayush Dipu. II BBA SF	IHFF 2022 AIMMAF National MMA Championship	Mixed Martial Arts	Silver
D Reshma I MSW	All India Senior Ranking Badminton Tournament	Badminton	Participation
Akash Joseph I BCAD	Yonex-Sunrise V V NATU Memorial All India Senior Ranking Badminton Tournament	Badminton	Participation
CS Shreyas Hariharan I BOA	National Kalaripayattu Championship	Kalaripayattu	Participation
Kishan Raj K I BCAA	Boxing Federation of India Junior Team (National Coaching Youth Camp)	Boxing	Selected to represent India

Varun Nayanar III IES	Under 25 Kerala State Team	Cricket	Chosen to represent Kerala in Ranji Trophy
Kushee M Jain III EPS	16th Floorball Championship, ITM University, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh	Floorball	Silver Best Player of the Tournament
Vinay Kumar G II BCOM B	National Muay Thai Championship 2021	Muay Thai	Gold Selected to Represent India at The World Muay Thai Championship 2022 Held in Indonesia
Neekita Raman I OEPY	65th National Level Shooting Championship	Shooting	Gold
Medha Rajeev I VC	37th National Kayaking and Canoeing Championship	Kayaking and Canoeing	Selected for Khelo India National Tournament
Revanth Gowda. I BCOM D	13th State-Level Karate Championship	Karate	Bronze in U-21 Male 84 kg Category
Amrita Singh III BBA B	38th Karnataka State Roller Skating Selection Trials	Roller Skating	1 Silver and 2 Bronze. Selected as Standby for Karnataka Team
Sam D Simon I BCOM	State Level Taekwondo Poomsae Championship	Taekwondo	4 Gold, Selected to represent Karnataka in the National Level Taekwondo Poomsae Championship



## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

NAME	EVENT	POSITION SECURED
Hazel Mary Raju, Director of Physical Education	Manager of the Karnataka Net Ball Team in the 36th National Games Gujarat - 2022	Bronze Medal



## UG RANK LIST

SL.NO.	SUBJECT	COMB	NAME AND RANKS OF THE STUDENTS
1	BIOTECHNOLOGY	CZBT	1. SHEETAL S KOODUVALLI
		CZBT	2. NIKHITHA D
2	BOTANY	CBZ	1. CAROL C MORRIS
		CBZ	2. M B PRIYADHARSHINI
3	CHEMISTRY	PCM	1. SAGAR J C
		MCZ	2. ANJALI P C
4	COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	BCA	1. VIDHANTH BAFNA
		BCA	2. YASH GUPTA
5	ECONOMICS ARTS	EPS	1. THEJASWINI K
		EPS	2. LALITHA. S
6	ECONOMICS SCIENCE	EMS	1. NIHAL PATHROS THOMAS
		EMS	2. PAI RAIKAR ANUSHREE
7	ELECTRONICS	PEM	1. SANCHITA SHARAN
		PEM	2. JANICE CARON CORREYA
8	ADDITIONAL ENGLISH	EMS	1. SAIMA YUNUS
		CZBT	2. SHEETAL S KOODUVALLI
9	GENERAL ENGLISH	EJP	1. ADITI CHAWLA
		CZBT	2. SMERA RAJESH
		MCB	2. VAIBHAVI KULKARNI
10	OPTIONAL ENGLISH	EJP	1. RENATA NATHANIA
		EJP	2. ANUSHKA SAHA
11	PUBLIC POLICY	JIP	1. RUTHVI SHETTY
		JIP	2. SAMBAVI P
12	HISTORY	HEP	1. KHUSHI J S
		HEP	2. NAVNEET KAUR
13	JOURNALISM	JIP	1. TABINDA JAMEEL UR RAHMAN
		JIP	2. SAMBAVI P
14	HINDI	B Com	1. ASHNA YADAV
		CPE	2. PALAK BIYANI
15	KANNADA	EMS	1. YASHASWINI P
		B Com	2. MEGHANA J
16	INTRODUCTORY KANNADA	B Com	1. M ROHAN
		B Com	2. PURNA U
17	TAMIL	EPS	1. THEJASWINI K
		EPS	2. GURUSHASTHRI B



18	SANSKRIT	MCB	1. APEKSHA V
		B Com	2. AKSHAYA R
19	GERMAN	CBZ	1. M B PRIYADHARSHINI
		CEZ	2. MARIA ANJUM
20	FRENCH	B Com	1. RAHUL C
		EMS	1. PAI RAIKAR ANUSHREE
		PCM	1. HRITISH PRADEEP
		JIP	2. TAABINDA JAMEEL UR RAHMAN
21	MATHEMATICS	EMS	1. NIHAL PATHROS THOMAS
		PCM	2. SAGAR J C
22	MICROBIOLOGY	MCZ	1. MICHELLE LIZ CYRIAC
		MCB	2. SHATAKSHI MISHRA
23	PHYSICS	PCM	1. SAGAR J C
		PCM	2. K B SANJANA
24	POLITICAL SCIENCE	EPS	1. THEJASWINI K
		CPE	2. ARCHA JOE
		CPE	2. LIMA ROSE SIBY
25	BVC	BVC	1. RHEA SRIKANTAN
		BVC	2. PRACHI D SOMAWAT
26	BSW	BSW	1. ANNA THERESA ANTONY
		BSW	2. AMIR SOHAIL
27	PSYCHOLOGY	EJP	1. ALEENA MARIYA
		EJP	2. JACIN MARIAM GEORGE
28	STATISTICS	EMS	1. NIHAL PATHROS THOMAS
		EMS	2. CHARAN K
29	ZOOLOGY	MCZ	1. ANJALI P C
		CZBT	2. SHEETAL S KOODUVALLI
30	SOCIOLOGY	EPS	1. THEJASWINI K
		EPS	2. LALITHA S
31	INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	IES	1. ANANYA TIRKEY
		IES	2. ISHPRIYA RAJ
32	COMPUTER SCIENCE	PMC	1. SNEHA HARIHARAN
		PMC	2. K RAKSHITH SRIVATSA
33	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	CEZ	1. MARIA ANJUM
		CEZ	2. GAYATHRI S
34	B Com BPS	B Com BPS	1. PRIYADHARSHINI P
		B Com BPS	2. BHARATH M
35	B Com	B Com	1. SHREEVANTI PURANIK
		B Com	2. ASHWIN SUBHASH
36	B Com IFA	B Com IFA	1. DHUN D
		B Com IFA	2. NEHASHREE S

37	BBA SF	BBA Strategic Finance	1. NAINA SINGH
		BBA Strategic Finance	2. SHREYA LAKSHMI
38	BBA	BBA	1. ABBIRAM N V
		BBA	2. PRIYAVARSHINI P
39	B VOC (DIGITAL MEDIA AND ANIMATION)	B Voc (Digital Media and Animation)	1. SUSHMITA LAMA
		B Voc (Digital Media and Animation)	2. SIMRAN SODHI
40	B VOC (VISUAL MEDIA AND FILMMAKING)	B Voc (Visual Media and Filmmaking)	1. RAMEES ROSHAN
		B Voc (Visual Media and Filmmaking)	2. ISSHAAN MURALIKRISHNAN
41	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	JIP	1. SAMBAVI P
		JIP	2. TAABINDA JAMEEL UR RAHMAN
42	COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH	CPE	1. INDULEKHA KM
		CPE	2. ARCHA JOE

## PG RANK LIST

SL.NO.	SUBJECT	REG.NO.	NAME AND RANKS OF THE STUDENTS
1	ENGLISH	20ENG20	1. ANUSHKA PHADNIS
		20ENG03	2. DESILVA SHONA LYNN
2	ECONOMICS	20ECO11	1. VISHNUSHREE K V
		20ECO10	2. AMRITHA R
3	JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION	20COM13	1. ARAKKAL SHADA AMINA
		20COM02	1. JESLY JOSEPH PULIKOTIL
		20COM18	2. VANDANA NAMPOOTHIRI
4	POLITICAL SCIENCE	20PLS05	1. THRESSIAKUNJU FRANCIS
		20PLS16	2. GODWIN GEORGE
5	COMMERCE	20MCOM39	1. RESHIKA H G
		20MCOM42	2. BARJEESA SHAFAT ZARGAR
6	SOCIAL WORK	20MSW19	1. A GIRIJA
		20MSW21	2. AMAL ANTONY AUGUSTIAN
7	BIG DATA ANALYTICS	20BDA27	1. JOSMI AGNES JOSE
		20BDA05	2. RESHMA DUA
8	BOTANY	20BOT10	1. GANESH V
		20BOT04	2. KISHAN K



9	ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY	20CHA01	1. AMRITA ELIZA COLACO
		20CHA17	2. UMESH C
10	ORGANIC CHEMISTRY	20CHO03	1. DAISE MARIA S THOMAS
		20CHO08	2. SUPRIYA H
11	COMPUTER SCIENCES	20MCS03	1. AISWARYA SASIKUMAR
		20MCS04	2. JOKIM NONGKHLAW
12	MATHEMATICS	20MAT03	1. S ASWATHI MOHAN
		20MAT20	2. SHRISHA N H
13	MICROBIOLOGY	20MIC17	1. GAURI SHARMA
		20MIC13	2. SAYANDEEP DAS
14	PHYSICS	20PHY05	1. ATHUL RATHNAKAR
		20PHY20	2. PULAMATHI VIKRANTH
15	FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	20FST03	1. SAPTADIPA DEY
		20FST12	2. MEGHA G PAI
16	STATISTICS	20MST06	1. MUKUL KULLU
		20MST08	2. D GOKUL KANNA
17	ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS	20APR03	1. MALAVIKA SUDHIR NAIR
		20APR27	2. RACHEL ELIZABETH RHINE

## PhD AWARDS

1	AROKIA ANTO JEFFERY A	DR MICHAEL RAJAMATHI, SCHOOL OF CHEMICAL SCIENCES	ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE POSTGRADUATE AND RESEARCH CENTRE
2	JYOTI BHARAMGOUDAR MARIGOUDAR	DR JACOB N ABRAHAM, SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES	ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE POSTGRADUATE AND RESEARCH CENTRE
3	HARISH N	DR N NAGARAJU, SCHOOL OF CHEMICAL SCIENCES	ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE POSTGRADUATE AND RESEARCH CENTRE
4	MANASA G	DR RONALD J MASCARENHAS, SCHOOL OF CHEMICAL SCIENCES	ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE POSTGRADUATE AND RESEARCH CENTRE
5	BHAVNA MAURYA	DR SANDRA MISQUITH, SCHOOL OF CHEMICAL SCIENCES	ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE POSTGRADUATE AND RESEARCH CENTRE

## SPECIAL AWARDS - NCC

SL.NO.	CATEGORY	NAME	ACHIEVEMENTS
1	'HONORARY CAPTAIN G KRISHNA MURTHY MEMORIAL BEST NCC CADET' ANNUAL AWARD (constituted by Dr Shoba S V, Associate Professor, School of Chemical Sciences, SJU, in memory of Late Subedar Major and Honorary Captain Sri G. Krishnamurthy)	CQMS SHARATH SHAJI THOMAS (NCC Army wing)	Planning and Logistics 1 Armd / Company Quartermaster
2		CDT/SGT V. SAI SUBRAMANIAN (NCC Air wing)	All India Best Cadet Gold medal at Republic Day Camp 2023 Cadet Sergeant (CDT/SGT) V Sai Subramanian represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the Republic Day Camp 2023. He is the All-India Best Cadet, the Gold Medallist for Air Wing Senior Division. He is an excellent 0.22 firer.

## AWARDS FROM 1 KAR ARMED SQN NCC TP-3

SL.NO.	CATEGORY	NAME	ACHIEVEMENTS
1	BEST CADET	SGT SATVIK K S	Recipient of Chief Minister's Commendation Card, Govt of Karnataka, Completed Pre-TSC camp -2022
2	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CDT VISHAL RAO	Completed RDC 2023, Recipient of Deputy Director General Commendation Card
3	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CSUO V K VISHAL GOWDA	Completed Indian Military Academy Attachment Camp Dehradun 2022, Recipient of Chief Minister's Commendation Card, Govt of Karnataka
4	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CDT LOHE LEPHORYIA ROSA	Completed Pre RDC and Recipient of Deputy Director General Commendation Card.
5	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CSM AJAIB ABBAS M	Completed PCTC Attachment
6	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	SGT CHANDAN	Completed PCTC Attachment
7	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	L/CPL RAHUL SINGH	Completed PCTC Attachment
8	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	SGT SYED ATIB	Completed PRTC Attachment Camp



9	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	L/CPL NITHISH KUMAR	Completed PRTC Attachment Camp
10	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	SGT ASHA RAMACHANDRAN	Completed Nilgiris Trekking Camp
11	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CDT VIDISHA JOSHI	Completed Advanced Leadership Camp 2022, Basic Mountaineering Camp, Ministry of Defence, GOI
12	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	L/CPL DRITHI	Completed Basic Mountaineering Camp Ministry Of Defence, GOI
13	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CDT LONGJAM MALESHWORI CHANU	Completed EBSB Ballari
14	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CDT KRISHNA GUPTA	Best timings in Group Level Obstacle Training (26 seconds)
15	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CDT JAYANT JHABAK	Nominated for Best Cadet at Bangalore Group B Karnataka & Goa Directorate

## AWARDS FROM 1 KAR AIR SQUADRON NCC

SL.NO.	CATEGORY	NAME	ACHIEVEMENTS
1	BEST CADET	CSUO VERONA JEEVIKA	Republic Day Camp 2022 Appointed as the Cadet Senior Under Officer (CSUO) for 1 Karnataka Air Squadron NCC. CSUO Verona Jeevika represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the Republic Day Camp 2022. She was part of the PM rally contingent and was awarded the CM Commendation Card for her participation.
2	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CUO MOHAMMED ROSHAN	Republic Day Camp 2022 Cadet Under Officer (CUO) Mohammed Roshan represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the Republic Day Camp 2022. He was part of the PM rally contingent and was awarded the CM Commendation Card.
3	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CDT/SGT MANJUNATH N	All India Vayu Sainik Camp 2022 Cadet Sergeant (CDT/SGT) Manjunath N represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the All India Vayu Sainik Camp 2022. He was part of the tent pitching, line area, drill contingent, and flying competitions and was the top scorer of the flying competition.

4	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CUO AAYUSH SURESH	Air Force Station attachment camp 2022 Cadet Under Officer (CUO), Aayush Suresh attended the AFA (Air Force Academy) attachment camp at Air Force Academy, Bidar. The camp is conducted in collaboration with the Indian Air force where the cadets enhance their skills of comradeship, social adaptability & communication.
5	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CWO LOKESH A	Was a part of the PRE RDC selection team 2022 and represented St Joseph's College at the group level Best Cadet Selections. He has been instrumental in the organisation of several blood donation drives and awareness programmes for the Squadron
6	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CWO SNEHA B	Represented St Joseph's College at various selections such as Group Level Best Cadet Competition and YEP selections. She is a hard-working cadet who has contributed tremendously to the progress of 1 Kar Air Sqn NCC.
7	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CDT/SGT KETHAN P	Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Camp 2022 Cadet Sergeant (CDT/SGT) Kethan P represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Camp 2022 held at Mysore. He won the best cadet award at the Bangalore 'B' Group level. He has also completed his Pre VSC-2 and Pre RDC-2 camps.
8	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CDT/SGT CHARAN GOWDA K R	Republic Day Camp 2023 Cadet Sergeant (CDT/SGT) Charan Gowda K R represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the Republic Day Camp 2023. He was a part of the Prime Minister's Rally.
9	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CDT/SGT VATHSALA T M	All India Vayu Sainik Camp 2022 Cadet Sergeant (CDT/SGT) Vathsala T M represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the All India Vayu Sainik Camp 2022. She was part of the drill contingent, line area, flying, and skeet shooting competitions. She was the only SW cadet to represent Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the national level skeet shooting competition.
10	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CDT/SGT THARUN M R	All India Vayu Sainik Camp 2022 Cadet Sergeant (CDT/SGT) Tharun M R represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the All India Vayu Sainik Camp 2022. He was part of the tent pitching, line area and flying competitions. He bagged the first place for health & hygiene competition at the Directorate level.
11	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CDT/SGT LEIYAPAM KASHAK	All India Vayu Sainik Camp 2022 Cadet Sergeant (CDT/SGT) Leiyapam Kashak represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the All India Vayu Sainik Camp 2022. He was part of the drill contingent, 0.22 range firing and flying competitions. He was one among the only two SDs to represent Karnataka and Goa directorate in .22 firing competitions at the national level.



12	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CDT/CPL JANHAVI SHARMA	Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Aerospace Camp 2022 Cadet Corporal (CDT/CPL) Janhavi Sharma represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the first edition of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Aerospace Camp partnered up with ISRO and HAL
13	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	LFC THOMAS RINO	Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Camp 2023 Leading Flight Cadet (LFC) Thomas Rino represented the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Camp 2023. Cadets from the North Eastern Regions and the Kar & Goa Dte attended the camp and performed various activities to enhance the cultural exchange among the cadets.
14	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	CDT/SGT SUMAN KUMAWAT B	Participated in the Pre-RDC 3 and the RD Kitting Camp, Bengaluru. She has been selected for the Basic Mountaineering Camp 2023 to be held in Darjeeling.

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SL.NO.	NAME	REG.NO.	ACHIEVEMENTS
1	HARSHITHA	221MST25	National Integration Camp 2022, Haryana and won prize in cultural competition
2	PRANEETHA PRAKASH	21CBT18	National Integration Camp 2022, Haryana and won prize in cultural competition
3	SHAYARI LOBO	222BCAA10	National Integration Camp 2022, Haryana and won prize in cultural competition
4	NANDINI V	19BPS55047	National Integration Camp 2022, Haryana and won prize in cultural competition
5	SURYA M	21EMS57	National Integration Camp 2022, Haryana and won prize in cultural competition
6	VEDA KUMAR R	20BCAB27	National Integration Camp 2022, Haryana and won prize in cultural competition
7	SAGAR K	20BSW22	National Integration Camp 2022, Haryana and won prize in cultural competition
8	ELIJAH CHRISTOPHER J	21BCAS61	National Integration Camp 2022, Haryana and won prize in cultural competition
9	VIJAY ABRAHAM	21IFA023	National Integration Camp 2023, Mysore and won prize in cultural competition
10	SHARWIN A	20BCAB03	National Integration Camp 2023, Mysore and won prize in cultural competition
11	AISHWARYA K	20BBA012	National Integration Camp 2023, Mysore and won prize in cultural competition
12	SIM V	20JIP018	National Integration Camp 2023, Mysore and won prize in cultural competition

## SPORTS

SL.NO.	NAME	SPORTS	ACHIEVEMENTS
1	TARUSHI VIKRAM 222BZ15	MOTORSPORT (4 WHEELER)	Second Fastest Woman Asian driver at FIA Rally Star Asia Pacific Finals - Madras International Circuit held in Chennai October 10 to 12, 2022 Third Place in Women category at MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Saloon Car Racing Championship 2022 - Madras International Circuit held in Chennai from October 8, 2022 to January 29, 2023
2	SAM D SIMON 221BCOMD010	TAEKWONDO	Gold - U-72 Kgs at Ck Classic International Taekwondo Bronze - Individual Poomsae, Championship, Malaysia from August 12 -14, 2022 National Taekwondo championship, Andhra Pradesh from February 2-5, 2023
3	CHAITANYA UMA SHANKAR 21BCOMB31	WATER POLO, SWIMMING	All India University Nationals- Swimming at Bhubaneswar, Odisha December 26-28, 2022 75th Senior Nationals -Water Polo at Guwahati, Assam September 6-10, 2022 36th National Games- Water Polo at Rajkot, Gujarat September 29 - October 12, 2022
4	VISHWAS S 20CPE098	SWIMMING	All India University Nationals- Swimming at Bhubaneswar, Odisha December 26-28, 2022
5	DINESH D V 21BCOMB53	NETBALL	All India Inter-University Netball Men Championship held at Soundarya College of Law, Nagasandra from February, 14 - 17, 2023
6	PARGHAVI VELAYUDHAM 21HEP016	KARATE	Represented Bangalore City University in All India Inter-University Competition held at Chhattisgarh from January 19 - 22, 2023
7	ROHITA CHOWDRY 20JIP020	CRICKET	Bangalore City University in all India South Zone Inter-University Cricket (Women) from January 31 to February 6, 2023
8	PREETI SINGH 20BCAB47		
9	ANUSH P G 20BCOMA028	CRICKET	Represented Bangalore City University in all India South Zone Inter- university cricket (men) held at Reva University from February 20 to March 3, 2023
10	AYUSH SHARMA 20BBAB058		
11	SHARATH SRIVASTHAV 21BCOMC80	HANDBALL	Represented Bangalore City University in South Zone Inter University Handball (Men) held at Periyar University Salem from February 3 - 8, 2023 Represented 41 <sup>st</sup> state championship of men and women held in Haveri Handball Cup 2022
12	VARUN T 20CEB15		
13	VIKRAM M 21BCOMB27		
14	PRAJWAL SHANOON AR - 21BCOMS37		
15	DOROTHY V B 21BCOMA21	THROW BALL	Were winners at the Youth Nationals held at Haryana from November 27 - 29, 2022
16	NIVEDITA V 21EPS080		
17	MEGAN FERNANDSE 222ENG11	CYCLING	36th National Games Championship held in Gujarat from October 6 - 11, 2022 Cycling Championship held in Aurangabad Maharashtra from January 4 - 11, 2023
18	AAYUSH DIPU 20BBASF011	MIXED MARSHAL ARTS	Won Silver medal at IHFF 2022 AIMMAF National MMA Championship organised in Mumbai from October 28 - 31, 2022



19	C S SHREYAS HARIHARAN 221BOA55	KALARI PAYATTU	National Kalaripayattu Championship organised by Indian Kalaripayattu Federation
20	VINAY KUMAR G 21BCOMB33	MUAY THAI	Represented India and won Gold medal in the World Muay Thai Championship held at Indonesia from December 8 - 13, 2022
21	NEEKITA RAMAN 221OEPY10	SHOOTING	65th National Level Shooting Championship held at Kerala from December 2 - 9, 2022
22	IKSHA KIRAN KALLE 221BBASF24	WATER POLO	75th Senior Nationals -Water Polo held at Guwahati, Assam from September 6-10, 2022 36th National Games held in Gujarat from October 2 - 8, 2022
23	VYJAYANTHI 222BTBY04	WATER POLO	75th Senior Nationals -Water Polo held in Guwahati, Assam from September 6-10, 2022
24	ASLAN IBRAHIM 19HEP11092	SHOOTING	Bangalore City University in All India Inter University
25	KISHAN RAJ K 222BCAA71	BOXING	Won bronze medal at Khelo India Youth Games Boxing Competition (57 to 60 Kg Category ) held in Bhopal
26	MEDHA RAJEEV 221VC45	KAYAKING/ DRAGON BOAT	36th National Khelo India Youth Games Competition held in Madhya Pradesh Gold in 2Kms D20, Silver in 500Mts D20 and Bronze in 2Kms Dragon Boat Nationals held in Udupi held from February 23 to 26, 2023
27	SHRIYA B 20BVC050	DRAGON BOAT	Dragon Boat Nationals held in Udupi from February 23 - 26, 2023
28	GIRIJA M 20CBZ34		
29	SUMIT BHASAN 222ELCS34	ATHLETICS	Participated and won Bronze Medal in 4x400 Relay in South Zone, Junior and Senior Athletic Championship held from September 12-15, 2022 Participated in 100 & 200 in Karnataka State Junior and Senior Athletic Championship held from August 26-28, 2022
30	VALERAIN JOEL 20IES107	FOOTBALL	Bengaluru City University Tournament held in Calicut University in Kerala from December 22-29, 2022
31	MANISH R D 21BCOMS63		
32	MALVIN FERNANDO A 21BCOMB15		
33	EMMANUVEL BRITTO 21BCOMS65		
34	ASHISH BECKHAM 21BCOMS71		
35	SYED ZAYYAN HABEEB 20BCAA57	BASKETBALL	Bengaluru City University Tournament, organised by SRM University, Chennai
36	JOHNSON ROY 21BCOMA21		

37	VEDANSH PRASHANTH REDDIYAR 21BCOMS46	TENNIS	Represented Bangalore City University
38	KUSHEE M JAIN 20EPS033	HOCKEY & FLOOR BALL	Represented Karnataka and won Silver Medal and Best Player of the tournament in Senior Nationals Hockey Tournament Represented Tamil Nadu in Floorball Senior Nationals held at Madhya Pradesh from January 15 to 17, 2023
39	VARUN NAYANAR 20IES004	CRICKET	Participated in U-25 Kerala State team for BCCI Tournament and selected for the Kerala Ranji Trophy Camp
40	JOANNAH S JOHN 19EMS25042	TABLE TENNIS	Represented Bangalore City University
41	SAHANA B K 21CZBT07	HANDBALL	Represented Bangalore City University in South Zone Inter University Hand Ball (Women) Tournament held at Mahatma Gandhi University
42	NIKITA SHARMA 20BCOMA054		
43	KRITHIKA C B 221BBAB064	HANDBALL	45 <sup>th</sup> Junior Girls National Handball Championship at Fortune Group of Institutions Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh from March 22-26, 2023
44	ADHOKSHAJ MANAVI 21BCOMB59	CRICKET	Represented Karnataka in U-19 Vinoo Mankad Trophy 2021-22

## SPECIAL AWARDS - For Entrepreneurship and Sports

SL.NO.	NAME	CLASS	CATEGORIES
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SL.NO.	NAME	CLASS
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1	Best Outgoing Student - UG - Physical Sciences	V SAI SUBRAMANIAN	PCM
2	Best Outgoing Student - UG - Natural Sciences	DONNA DELPHINA	CZBt
3	Best Outgoing Student - UG - Humanities	DIVYA R REDDY	HEO
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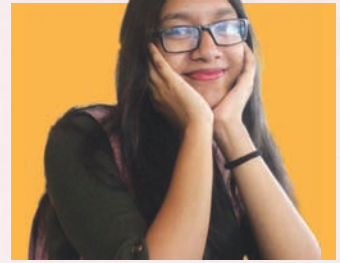
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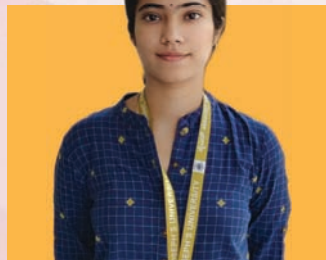
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