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Principal's Message

Is corruption a way of life in India?



Our country has been dubbed as one of the most corrupt nations of the world in a recent global survey.

Karnataka is rated as the fourth corrupt state by another national survey. As this issue of the newsletter goes to the press, the newspapers are discussing the mining scam, one of the biggest scams of the country by the people in the seats of power. The Opposition parties are all in protest in both the Legislatures of the state and outside.

The resignation of the Lokayukta on the issue of corruption made headlines in the national media giving the state a bad name though the Lokayukta took

back his resignation later.

The increasing corruption is due to several factors and all of us are in some way responsible. People want wealth, power and status without working for it. They make use of their position or Office to make more and more money. Most of us in life refuse to stand up for a cause and be counted. Instead of challenging Officials, bureaucrats and others who ask for bribes, we land up paying them.

Most students say that they have paid bribes to get their things done in most public offices/places. What we do not understand is that when we bribe we demean ourselves and society.

We contribute to that moral cancer and allow that cancer to spread. Instead of initiating campaigns and joining

with those who fight against corruption, when we bribe we become a part of the system and go against our own conscience.

One of the many reasons for poverty in India is the high-rate of corruption in the country which prevents the fruits of development from reaching the Poor. There are certain things that are wrong and when we do them we affect society.

Instead of cleansing society from the rot it has reached, we become responsible for its further degradation when we accept or give bribes.

If all of us in this college take a stand that we will not be corrupt and we will not allow others to be corrupt, we will surely contribute to a better society.

- Dr (Fr) Ambrose Pinto SJ

College warmly welcomes



Rev. (Dr.) Fr. Vijay Kumar Prabhu SJ, our new Rector. He was the former President of the Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society. An academician who was the former Principal of

Satya Nilayam, Chennai, an institute of Philosophy, he was also a former Rector of St. Aloysius College, Mangalore. We are privileged to have a great leader to lead and support us.

Walter Raymond is the new Registrar of the College. A person from both academic and military background, Sri Wal-

ter has already endeared himself to all. Very cordial and helpful person, he has proved an asset to the college. We welcome him.

We have several new faculty members: Prasad and Mrs. Bojamma have joined the **Department of Computer Science**. In the **Microbiology Department** we have **Xavier Prasanna**, a former student of ours. **Ms. Jyothsna & Ms. Zorinmawii**, both former students have joined the **Department of English**. There are two more



former students in the **Department of Social Work** – **Sri Akshay Mandalik & Sri Varun Jagannath**. **Sri Joulan Goveas** has also joined the Department.

Nanjudaswamy teaches in the **Department of Economics**. Among the Administrative Staff, we have **Susai Mrs. Shuli** has joined the **Department of Statistics** and **Mrs. Motushi** is teaching in the **Dept. of Political Science**.

Dr Amjad has joined the **Department of Communication**. With your great desire to be at the service of the students, you are bound to become great teachers. Thank you to be with Joseph's.

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Post-Graduate Students Orientation



New Post Graduate students attend the orientation session

The Orientation Program for the I year Post Graduate students was held on the 26th of June, 2010.

The formal program began with a melodious rendering of a bhajan by Fr. Melwyn Pinto (Department of Communication) to invoke the blessings of God Almighty. Following this invocation, Rev. Fr. Rector Vijay Kumar Prabhu welcomed the gathering and stressed the need for improving the quality of Higher Education and called upon the student community to be more research oriented. Fr. Rector also emphasized the need for self-effort. He urged the students to be least dependent on the Electronic Media.

Next Fr. Principal, Dr Ambrose Pinto addressed the students and advised the students to be more aware of the changes around them and equip themselves adequately with the right skills, to meet the challenges emerging in the competitive world .

Fr. Principal also urged the students to develop a connection with the society and inculcate and work for the demands of the society. He also spoke about growing capitalism and Globalization which have ushered in an era of challenges and opportunities and the need for students to hone their competencies to emerge as successful individuals and also as responsible citizens.

This was followed by Dr. Sub-

hashini's briefing about the rules and regulations of the college that students must adhere to. Students felt happy about a liberal dress code and the confidence reposed by the teachers on their students. The students promised to adhere to the ideals of the college without any hesitancy at all. Curtains were drawn to the program with the vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Anitha Noronha.

The students were given high tea after which we were guided to our classrooms. We were given a brief insight into our academic curriculum, test and exam schedule and various other aspects which lie ahead. This put



All set for the year ahead

us on the alert and also enabled us to meet all our faculty.

Thus Orientation Programme made for a wonderful beginning to the Students of Post Graduate section to mark the beginning of their Masters Program.

Orientation day for UG students



Rector blessing the students

The orientation programme was held on 16th 17th and 18th of June 2010. The programme began with welcome and prayer. The prayer was conducted by Fr. Manoj SJ.

Rev Fr. Rector Dr. Vijay Kumar Prabhu SJ presided over the function. Fr Principal welcomed the students He urged students to develop the Josephite spirit from day one. Fr. Rector thanked the parents and told the new batch to work to their full potential and have social concern.

Madappa M.B., Co-ordinator for the event detailed the three day programme and the students were sent to respective classes for an ice breaker session. After the session the teachers assisted the students in a campus tour. The afternoon sessions included a video on the history of the College and a talk on academic excellence.

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New programmes introduced in College

The College has started M.Sc. in Physics and B.Sc. with a new combination of Economics, Mathematics and Statistics. A B.Sc. course in Visual Communication has also been started.

The college proudly welcomes 780 students who have joined the First Degree Course and 220 students who have enrolled for the PG programmes. Our students are from across the country with high potential.

The campus has become multicultural, a miniature India. You are our assets. No College can run without you.

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Orientation day for UG students



The new students are all ears at the orientation

Dr. Rabbi, Mr. Wilson and Dr. Subhashini handled the sessions. The second day began with sessions on social concern. Mr. Benson with his team handled the sessions. In the afternoon, students had sessions on character building.

The second day of the programme began with a community building activity. After lunch break, students had an in-

teractive entrepreneurship programme. Finally the students had an introduction to Deans, Welfare officers, Coordinators of Sports, Cultural, NSS & CSC. Students received identity cards, calendars and t-shirts.

The sessions in the class rooms were coordinated by Dr. Gorge Alexander. The students felt good about the orientation.

Ashith Joe Dev of I IES shares his first experience of College

On 16th June 2010, I started my college life at St. Joseph's. With hopes and aspirations welling up inside, I joined the First year students sitting under the huge banyan tree, waiting for the orientation to begin. For the next three days, we had orientation classes to help break the ice between us. It was one of the best ways to start off our college life. It helped us

all to get to know each other and make new friends.

For somebody like me who is not only new to the college but to the city as well, it was a real wonderful experience! Then for the next two days, the Roman Catholic students had a retreat; to help us all come out of the stereotype images of God and create new ones. In all, the

Parents orientation

Orientation programme was conducted for the parents of I year undergraduate students (B.A, B.Sc and BCA) on 19th June 2010. The programme started with prayer by Rev.Fr .Manoj, Director, Dept. of Computer Science, St. Joseph's College(Autonomous) followed by welcome by Rev.Fr .Principal. Parents were then enlightened about the functioning of our autonomous institution by Dr. Michael Rajamati, Professor and Head, Dept. of Chemistry, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous).

Chief guest for the programme was Mr. Ian Faria, founder and director, PEP academy, who was an excellent speaker and was introduced by Dr. Ronald Maschrenas, Professor, Dept. of Chemistry. Ian Faria shared his thoughts on effective par-

enting. Followed by Chief guest's talk a platform was provided for the parents to clarify their



doubts about functioning of our autonomous institution, Questions raised by parents were answered by Rev. Fr. Principal and Dr. Michael Rajamati. Rev. Fr. Rector Dr. Vijay Kumar Prabhu S.J finally addressed the gathering.

A subject orientation for PG Botany students

A subject orientation for PG Botany students conducted by Dr. Nayeemullah Khan and Dr. Haridasan, was really inspirational.

Both the teachers gave an insight into the various aspects of technology and employment opportunities as well as the opportunities for research ahead in this subject especially with paleontology, taxonomy, tissue culture, plant biotechnology etc.

The awareness in research gave us a real insight into the field of Botany. Through the talk we got confidence and inspiration to pursue the subject and do research as well as look ahead on various sections of biological sciences. Moreover the achievements of the serious students gave us a sense of confidence and determination. The other PG Departments had their subject orientation and all the students have similar experiences-

**Sumitha, Sangeetha D.N.
Sr. Philomina**

first five days of orientation and retreat was actually a meaningful welcome to all first year students that will be remembered throughout their three years in college. I have great expectations from the college. And I'm sure on the non academic front too the college will be abuzz with life and be 'a home away from home'!!

Inauguration of the Students' Council



It was a great moment for 170 students of the college to take their oath as leaders of the college in the presence of the Rector, Principal and the Staff Coordinators.

Prof. Kodandaramaiah The first to take the oath were Academic Representatives followed by Class Representatives.

The Cultural Representatives and the Sports representatives took their oath soon after. It was a solemn function. Our Chief Guest was Professor Kodandaramaiah, the Director of Collegiate Education. He instructed the students to shape their destiny in the college so that they may be able to shape the future destiny of the nation.



Students take pledge to serve in their capacity as leaders

Fr. Principal spoke about the diversity of talents in the college and the need to bring out the best in every student.

The responsibility of every leader is to serve and the best service they could offer is to encourage, promote and help every student in their classes so that St. Joseph's becomes what it ought to.

Fr. Rector wanted the students to set and achieve high goals so that they could enter various services of the state as advocates, lobbyists, scientists, politicians and administrators in order to make a qualitative difference to the country.

The following are the representatives for the year:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>CLASS REPS. (Girls)</u>	<u>CLASS REPS. (Boys)</u>	<u>ACADEMIC REPS</u>	<u>SPORTS REPS.</u>	<u>CUL. REPS.</u>	<u>CLASS MENTORS</u>
I HEP	Sr. Anju	Suraj Dutt		Karan	Mark	Ms. Jyothsna, Dept of Eng.
I EPS	Rachel N	Fateh Ahmed		Vanlalhr vaiituanga	Aarushi	Mr. Rajesh, Dept. of Eng
I IES	Victoria Rani	Shakchat T		Varun R	Ashith Joe	Dr. Berin. Dept of Soc.
I BSW	Aishwarya	Rony G Alex	Lydia Thomas	Rajesh Chand	Gerlyn Henry	Mr. Joulan, Dept. of SW
II HEP	Malsawntungi	Surabh T	Sachin	Avinash	Karthik Hegde	Dr. Somaiah, Dept of PS
II EPS	Salomi S	Azhar Khan	Vidya Reddy	Arokiaraj	Priyanka	Ms. Maria D. Dept of Soc.
II IES	Nicky Lama	Mobin Daniel	Avinash	Kashudha Khwa	Vinayashree	Mr. Anuplal, Dept of IR
II BSW	Dorji	Rosevolt Gonsalves	Sr. Kanni Mariyal	Bopanna	Sr. Anu Mani	Mr. Akshay, Dept of SW
III HEP	Sr. Sujatha	Tamdin T	Vanessa Rodrigues	John B	Joselin	Prof. Jerome, Dept. of PS
III EPS	Jesu Ruby	Jerry Xavier	Sicharitha B	Ilangovan	Malemnganba	Ms. Anitha N. Dept of Eco
III IES	Jyothsna	Sijo KC	Nikasha Kashyap	Abhishek K	Mark Rasquinha	Dr. Latha. Dept of Eco
III BSW	Sr. Savitha D'Souza	Rebuan	Anitha Y Ramya	K. Ching Gangmei	Kamala Masih	Mr. Kiran, Dept of SW
I PCM		Ajay Francis	Nagarajan	Lobsang	Sathvik	Ms. Bessy E. Dept of Phy

I PMC	Monisha R	Naveen		Chandra Kumar	Divya Rao	Mr. Stephen T. Dept of Maths
I MEC	Shwetha M	Jeevan BM		Shashidhar G	Anusha KV	Ms. Renee Dept of Maths
I BCA	Adhithi	Promodh				Ms. Suja Jacob, Dept of CS
II PCM			Meghana M	Rakesh Kumar	Tulasi M B	Mr. John Binze Dept. of Maths
II PEM	Marvin S		Subhas SV	Prince Roy	Rakesh	Ms. Regina M Dept. of Ele
II PMC	Andrea	Gaorab	Lavanya J	Ruben	Vikas	Mr. A.P Jain Dept. of Maths
II MEC		Selvakumar	Reshma	Nandakuamar	Merline	Mr. Nazir Dept. of Maths
II BCA			Swetha Karmen			Ms. Banu. Dept. of CS
III PCM	Jinu James		Reba	Catherine R	Pradeep G	Ms. Lora. Dept. of Phy
III PEM	Marvil S	Robertson	Jeffrey	Somasundaram	Shoeb Sayeed	Ms. Jobeline.J Dept of Phy
III PMC	Varlakshmi	Riki Wilfred	Julie PJ	Ronald Peter	Bharathi S	Ms. Sheelama Dept of Phy
III MEC	Teresa L	Amos Marshal	Ananth	Lokesh Babu	Neela Kumari	Mr. Gregory Dept. of Ele
III BCA			Nikhitha			Ms. Sandhya. Dept. of CS
I CEB/Z	Lakshmi.B			Sanjay Lama	Rohan Chris	Mr.Prabhakar. Dept. of EnS
I MCB/Z	Kavya	Saurab		Andrew	Neha	Mr. Xavier P. Dept of Biotec
I CBBT	Ankitha G	John Lews		Harsha Iyappa	Roger Joseph	Vijayakumari Dept. of Bot
II CBZ	Lorrain B		Sunitha Kumari	Avinash DK	Claude D'Sa	Mr.Jayaram R Dept. of Bot
II CEB/Z			Alen Minz			Ms. Liby T Dept. of Che
II CBBT	Lakshmi C	Nisar Ahmed	Ashwini	Amereen Taj	Sanchari Dev	Mr.Tamiseran Dept. of Bot
III CBZ		Sebastian R	Charles	Joanna	Nitin	Mr. Diwakar Dept of Bot
III CEB/Z	Girish Rama		John Chethana	Naina Prakash	Sulagna Bhattacharya	Mr. Wilson Dept of EnS
III MCB/Z	Roshni P		Alumelu V	Rohit	A Fenella C	Mr. Keith Dept of Biotec
III CBBT	Akasha.B	Kirthana.D	Shane	Nathaniel	Marcelin Sunitha	Ms. Betty Dept. of Bot
I Vis.Com	Sherene	Mewanshwa		Pruthvi A	Navya Shree	Ms. Amutha. M

40 new students in the hostel

St. Joseph's College Hostel has welcomed more than 40 students for the first year programmes.

Here is an experience of Yaoyesui Linus of 1 BCA: "When I joined the hostel I was lonely and very upset. I was nervous and indeed missing my parents and friends. Initially there were no friends to chat. Every thing was new. The Principal, the Warden and senior students as well gave me a warm welcome. They were very friendly and I felt at ease. They gave me courage.

Hostel helps one to grow in a disciplined way. I like the daily time-table with morning mass and definite time for study, prayers, games, recreation etc.



The atmosphere in the hostel is also very good and friendly. Every one is very co-operative and open minded. I hope to become a changed person with complete discipline, appropriate manners and a sense of leadership. After spending a month I feel this hostel is the best place and just like my home".

French students visit campus



17 French University Students with two of their mentors visited the campus on 17th July 2010 from 3.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Their desire was to know

India. Jason made a presentation on India's socio-economic situation focusing on issues of agriculture and development for an hour.

This was followed by a session where 17 students of the college interacted with them as Sri Kiran Jeevan of the MSW animated the session. The meeting enriched both the students of the college and their guests. We were happy that we met a group of students concerned about poverty and deprivation in India. They were going to work for three weeks in a remote village of Karnataka.

A fruitful visit to USA



This past month I was able to travel in the United States as a grantee of the International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP) sponsored by the State Department of the US government. I was part of a team of 7 scholars and professors selected from India.

The chief aim of the visit was to help us meet fellow-researchers in various aspects of American Studies including

American Literature, American History and US Constitution as well as Government. Another aim was to get us to see important museums, libraries and research centers connected with these areas of interest. We were taken to 8 cities across the US.

I am especially interested in the current status of various Native American tribes (American Indian or "red" Indian) in the United States today. I was able to meet researchers working in the field, espe-

Staff seminar

There was a day's seminar for the staff on June 14 given by Mr Lukose V, IAS and Prof. Sharada Jai Govind, Principal Government College, Jayanagar.

In his keynote address, Mr Lukose described current society as, lacking in equality, enduring social injustice and obsessed by wealth. He focused therefore on how the institution can become the place for radical change when teachers become agents of social and intellectual transformation. He listed different "qualities" that teachers must have. These included passion and commitment to learning, standing up for the truth, generating empathy, facing challenges, and being involved in direct experience.

Science for all

The College has organized a series of popular lectures in Science from eminent Scientists beginning from the first week of August. All lectures will be on Fridays from 4.00 p.m. The duration of the lectures is 90 minutes with a 45 minute presentation and a 45 minute discussion.

Dates: Aug 13, 20, 27, Sept 24, Oct 8, Dec 10, Jan 14, 28, Feb 11, 25. Speakers: Yamuna Krishnan NCBS Raghendra Gadakar CES, IISc evolution Yamuna Krishnan NCBS, KJ Rao Chemistry IISc, Shobhana Narsimham, JNC, Ravi Subramaniam, Director, RRI, S Ranganathan, NIAS, Swami Manohar, Computer Scientist and Innovator, Pico Peta, Purushottam Agarwal, JNU, UPSC, Delhi and others.

cially at the University of Utah.

There are several problems faced by these indigenous people today and there is still a great deal of tension in relations between Native communities on reservations and the government, both at the state and federal levels.

All in all it was a very good learning experience and I will be glad to present a more detailed report on a future occasion.

College felicitates University swimming champs



(L-R): Ramprasad, Naina Prakash, Principal Fr Ambrose Pinto, Sukant Subba and Keiran

SJC Swimming team has bagged the overall inter-collegiate swimming championship organised by the Bangalore University on July 19. The competition was held at Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre.

Ram Prasad RM of III BCA was the top winner. He came I in 100 metres.

He also came II in 100 metres free style swimming and breast stroke, 400 metres free style, 50 metres free style and 50 metres breast stroke.

Sukant Subba of I EPS took III place in 100 metres and II in 50 metres breast

stroke.

Keiren D' Souza of I CBZ won III place in 200 metres breast stroke, 100 metres free style, 200 metres free style, 50 metres free style, and in 50 metres breast stroke.

Nayana Prakash of III EBZ took II place in 100 metres breast stroke, III in 400 metres free style, 200 metres free style and 50 metres back stroke.

Commenting on the achievement of the team, Principal Fr Ambrose Pinto said, "I am proud about the new and the old team combining together and forming a team and participating in the competition. More than winning, it's the enthusiasm that matters and I must say that they have done their best."

Mr Newton, Physical Education Instructor of the College, said, "I would like to congratulate the winners and I am hoping that they continue their hard work."

- **Menuka Chhetri and Shimrei**

Nagarajan receives award

Lt. Nagarajan E of the Dept. of Hindi was awarded the medal for meritorious service by Director General NCC, New Delhi on behalf of president of India. He was commissioned in 1kar Armed Sqn NCC as 2/Lt on 24th Dec 1997. He stood second in the pre-commissioning course at Officers Training school Kamtee (Nagpur). He has been promoted to the present rank of Lt on 21st Dec 2001 after undergoing one month rigorous training at armoured corps training centre Ahmednagar (Maharashtra).

He has the following accolades to his credit:

1. Attended 13 annual training camps in various capacities.
2. Attended 4 army attachment camps with regular army units as contingent leader.
3. Organised cycle expeditions:
 - a) Bangalore –Coorg, December 2004
 - b) Bangalore-Mangalore, December 2005
 - c) Bangalore-Mysore, January 2007

Ravin R selected for training for Indian Army

Ravin R who passed out from PEM has been selected for Training in Officers Training Academy in Chennai for the Indian Army. He will join the training in October

Dr. Sandra Misquith

was invited by the Chinese Academy of Sciences at Turin, Italy to the 4th General Assembly and International



Conference on "Women Scientists in a Changing World" held in Beijing, China, from 26th June to 1st July 2010. She presented a paper entitled "Lectin from Carica Papaya specifically recognizes the tri-antennary carbohydrate moiety of fetuin" by M. Colaco, N. Davis and S. Misquith. The paper is to be published in the proceedings. The whole stay was graciously and generously hosted by the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology.

Dr. N. Nagaraj

participated in the 16th International Zeolite Conference (16th IZC) conducted jointly with the 7th International Mesostructured Materials Symposium (7th



IMMS) held in Sorrento, Italy from 4th to 9th July 2010. He contributed a paper entitled "Mesoporous aluminophosphates – An efficient general catalyst for industrially important organic transformations". Scientists from 54 nations attended the conference – there were several contributions on the latest research topics in Zeolites and mesoporous materials. While benefiting from the conference, he was happy to have received favorable attention from several peers. He also spoke to fellow scientists from Japan, Poland and UK for possible future collaborations. The travel grants were sponsored by DST & UGC New Delhi. Earlier he had participated in another International Conference on nanomaterials: held in Centre for Nanoscience & Technology, Mahatma Gandhi's University, Kottayam, Kerala during April 27 – 29 2010. He was also invited to talk on "Effect of the Nature of the support in the production of CNT by CCVD".

International day against torture



Hundreds of students took part in the protest

The College had just reopened and the students were just getting acquainted to the college, joy, fun and new friends, but the NSS and CSC got into serious work and were getting to send a strong message to the people of our city against torture.

The United Nations (UN) International Day in Support of Victims of Torture was first observed on 26 June 1998. This date was chosen by the United Nations because on the same day in 1987, the UN Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment came into force – and on 26 June 1948 the United Nations Charter was signed.

The NSS and CSC students in collaboration with SICHREM organized a rally against Torture on June 26th 2010 from St. Joseph's College to the Town Hall. 120 students of our college and few students from SJEC were present.

Fr Principal Dr. Fr. Ambrose Pinto SJ who flagged off the rally, stressed that not only must we fight against physical

torture but also discrimination and victimization. Fr. Principal shared a true story that opened the minds of our students to think 'out-of-the-box' with issues concerning caste, discrimination and child labor.

Mr. Manohar (SICHREM) challenged the students to raise their voice against torture and provided students with a snapshot of the gruesome incidents that take place in our own city (Bangalore) every day.

Fr. George from ISI was also present along with other members from SICHREM and some old students. Life is one of the most beautiful gifts we have, and no one has the right to destroy it, inflict pain and suffering upon people. Torture is the biggest violation and perhaps the most unattended. As a student community we are called upon to respond to the challenges of our time, by redefining our goals and strategies; we are not called to be silent spectators but to actively participate by raising our voices and demanding that all people ir-

respective of religion, caste, creed, race and gender deserve some fundamental dignity of life.

Our fight against Torture should not be a one day affair, but an everyday challenge. We must not allow the perpetrators of torture to live in a camouflage of lies and denials. Justice must be brought.

- D. Kiran Jeevan MSW, LMSW, Lecturer, Department of Social Work

Save Bangalore Campaign

Twenty five citizens of Bangalore met on Saturday, July 17 at the College to discuss certain issues concerning the city. There were some NGOs too. They expressed their concerns.

As the meeting progressed, Jason, who works in Greenpeace pointed out that to do something substantial in the city we should all come together and challenge the institutions of the city which are against the people. The group took up the proposal of Jason and discussed how to come together and what issues ought to be addressed. Some of the issues confronting the city were highlighted. At the end of the meeting, it was felt that a larger meeting could be called on Saturday, 24th July 2010 at 4.00 p.m. where more people, leaders of associations, resident welfare associations and students could be called upon to discuss ideas and give shape to an action plan.



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