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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Staff quizzed on SJC Principals

SUZANIA, PAVAN

**CAMPUS:** On the occasion of 129th Annual Athletic Meet 2011-12, the quiz competition was held especially for the SJC staff.

The topic for the competition was 'Chronological order of SJC Principal from 1970'.

The first place was tied between Jerome Nirmalraj, HOD, Department of Political Science and Dr Haridasan VK, Department of Botany. The second place also saw a tie between Dr Jacob Abraham and Dr Divakar KM from the Department of Botany and the third prize was bagged by Dr Etienne Rassendren, Department of English.

"The quiz was very interesting and I have never seen such an impressive march past," said Jerome Nirmalraj.

"The events were really interesting and it was nice to see active participation from all the students," said Haridasan VK.

### Field events too excite athletes

NISHI

**CAMPUS:** The 129th athletic meet at SJC witnessed a lot of enthusiasm and active participation from the students. The field events at the Sports Day were shot put, discus throw, javelin throw, long jump, high jump and triple jump. Although these events generally witnessed a lower level of excitement than the track events, some of the field events saw record participation.

Sheela B of II MSW stood first in shot-put while Kashu Dhakhwa of III IES stood second and Krithika Bharataj of I HEP stood third. In the boys' javelin throw, Amruth of I HEP secured first place followed by Avinash of III CBZ and Jinta of I MSW.

Bhim Kumar from I HEP distinguished himself by standing first and second in both Triple Jump and Long Jump. Irrespective of audience enthusiasm, the participants put in a lot of effort and their skills and determination was put on display at every event to make it a successful one.

## Colourful march past adds life to annual sports day

PAVAN, AILEEN

**CAMPUS:** Drum beats and flags held high ushered in the 129 Annual Athletic Meet celebrations at SJ C, on Friday. The inaugural ceremony began at 8.30 a.m. with the march past, followed by the hoisting of the flag.

The Chief Guest was reputed international hockey referee, Anupama Shivappa. SJC Principal Dr Fr Daniel Fernandes was also present to receive the salute of the marching contingents.

The march past competition saw students from all departments, including Post Graduates participants. Vibrant colours and an enthusiastic gathering made it spectacular and memorable. It was also



Pavan

Students walk proudly at the 129th SJC Sports Day march past

notable to see class mentors march with the student fraternity. The criteria for judging included drill, flag, presentation and dress code.

A solemn moment followed

the march past, as the College flag was unfurled by chief guest, assisted by Newton K, Department of Physical Instruction. The College anthem which was sung, thereafter added to the festive spirit.

## The 'differently able' rule

TSETEN

**CAMPUS:** The 129th sports day of SJC not only celebrated athletics but also life. The College cheered on when three differently able students took part in the lemon race and three-legged race here on Friday. Latha PM and Nandini K of I HEP and Hiralal of I EPS were the competitors in the event for the physically challenged.

In the lemon race, each participant had an ally. They were there to guide them but were not allowed to touch. With claps and vocal instructions, they guided them till the finishing line. Latha PM, the winner of the lemon race said,



GEORGE

A lemony race

"This is the first time I took part in such an event and needless to say I'm beyond excited. Winning means a lot to me."

Cheering them on Rashi Jauhri of I MS Com, said, "This is an effort that they and everyone in their life will remember for a long time."

In the three-legged race, the participants partnered up with their allies, laughing and stumbling their way to the finish.

Nandini won the three-legged race and came a close second in the lemon race. She said, "I was really thrilled about the three-legged race and I'm happy to win. However it's all about fun." Incidentally Nandini won a silver medal in the 'All India Athletic Meet for the Blind' in Punjab a while back. She added, "Being a national athlete, I felt the pressure."

"I am not disappointed that I lost but glad that I got an opportunity to participate in the 129th Annual Sports Day. The support we got is heart-warming," said Hiralal, second in three-legged race and third in the lemon race.

## Tugging their way to victory

ANINDITA

**CAMPUS:** One of the most anticipated events of the lead up to the Sports Day at SJC was the Tug-of-War. The event saw wide participation from students of most departments of the undergraduate college.... and, wait for it.... nearly all the staff members!

For the boys' tug-of-war, I BCA snatched the first place while II EPS had to be content with the second. The girls' event drew a huge amount of support from the audience. The

first place was secured by III MCZ and II BVC got the second place.

The surprise treat for the scores of onlookers came from their teachers' spirited participation in the game. Every single member of the staff present in the ground went all out in a body to challenge the winners of the tug-of-war inter-class competition. The teachers even jokingly threatened the students to clamp down on their CIA marks if the latter beat them!



PAVAN

Pulling with all their might

The results were surprising. The girl champions of III CBBT, who secured the third place in the event, turned out to be no match for female members of the staff and the latter beat them in two quick rounds

The chief guest Anupama expressed her satisfaction at the organisation of the event and the participation of the students.

The sports torch was carried by Rajesh S of III BCA, who is a state as well as national football player.

Fr Clarence D'Souza, Vice-Principal of SJC, said, "Sports is an important dimension of training and development of the person. We always had a sports day every year, but because of some changes there is lowering in the scale of participation. This year sports attempted to bring in more participation without any compulsion." He added, "It was nice to see all the 65 batches as one in the College ground."

## Shooting stars on campus

GEORGE

**CAMPUS:** The track events conducted during the Sports Day on Friday saw enthusiastic participation.

Vagrath Gaurav of I BCA emerged victorious in boys' 100m race. The girls' 400 m was won by VijayaLakshmi of II CBZ. Komal of I CEB/Z stood second and Priyanka S of III EPS third.

A relay event among the various St Joseph's institutions of the city was also conducted in which SJC managed to grab the first place. St Joseph's Indian Composite College and SJC Pre University College were placed second and third respectively.

to clinch an easy win. In contrast, the male members of the staff struggled in the first round. But they showed some brilliant teamwork in the second led by Dr Jacob Abraham and his colleagues of the Botany Department and finally went on to win the bout.

Ms Amutha, a lecturer in the Visual Communication Department, commented, "My students forced me to join the event, but I enjoyed it. The SJC Sports Day has been a great success with 100 pc student participation."