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# **RECTOR'S MESSAGE**

hat differentiates an excellent educational l institution from a mediocre one is the proc

of education it employs in training the young minds. The process would include not only the classroom teaching and the extracurricular activities, but also the ethos and climate that the institution cultivates and makes it present to all its stakeholders and specially the students. Education does not happen in a vacuum but in an environment which is conducive for the students to imbibe the values of life and to cope with it. This is exactly what we try to cultivate at St Joseph's College – an environment for the total growth of an individual. Creation of such a climate is a continuous and challenging process and we strive constantly for its creation.

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The exercise of academic freedom by teachers is a crucial requirement for 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 management being co-partners in raising the quality of higher education, it is imperative that we share a major responsibility in making this system credible and working.

Even though the past year has been affected by the COVID- 19 pandemic, great efforts have been made by the Management and the faculty to impart quality education in online and offline mode. The effectiveness of this modality of



teaching-learning has to be evaluated and the quality of education that takes place has to be reviewed. In this new normal, it is imperative that the pedagogy has to be drastically modified and learning outcomes have to be measured through upgraded methods of evaluation. These are the challenging times not only with respect to being protected from the virus but also making life and education meaningful and relevant. St Joseph's College has responded adequately to all these challenges during this past academic year.

All the outgoing students, you have been part of this institution for a few years! And you blossomed into men and women of excellence and compassion, and made this great institution, still greater. 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, comforting you. Good luck! Be great and be persons for others.

> Fr Swebert D Silva, SJ Rector St Joseph's College (Autonomous)

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

s I pen down these lines reflecting on the year we've had, it's the words of Desmond Tutu that come to mind. He once said, "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness". These words capture the journey of St. Joseph's College during these trying times the pandemic has brought upon us. This year has been a challenging one for all of us but more so for people dwelling on the margins of society. Various members of BJES, St. Joseph's College, and the Alumni/ ae came together to be of service to the marginalised. It's heart-warming to see that the objectives of St. Joseph's College are not mere words that feature in the documents but are also seen in the actions of our staff and students.

The theme for this year chosen by the Blue and White team- Onwards and Upwards- is a fitting one to the various journeys SJC has taken this last year.

The journey to becoming St. Joseph's University has been marked by challenges but onwards and upwards we have trudged. The pandemic may have slowed us down but being in the online space taught us something, perhaps. The spaces offered by our infrastructure that include the physical classroom are of tremendous value today. Apart from a renewed appreciation for these spaces, teaching online and being a student online has forced us to rethink pedagogy and learning. Teachers as collaborators have come together to make sure our students have an enriching learning experience despite the struggles of the online mode. Our staff have worked hard to ensure our students don't have



to compromise on their learning. For this and much more, I'm grateful to the SJC family.

The University Bill has already been passed in the Assembly and the college is working in full swing to the final consummation of this historic process. As a university in the making, the college aspires to live up to its foundational motto of "fide et labore", while recognising the need for global relevance and viability. With this aim, the college has been revamping itself with the recognition and bifurcation of various Schools and Disciplines. Massive infrastructural upgradation is being developed to support the demands of a growing student base and research potentials. The college is well equipped and is gearing up to address the demands of future educational paradigms and possibilities.

True to the Jesuit vision and mission, the college took up massive covid relief work for the community and went on to set up an Isolation Centre and a Covid Care Centre on the premises. The college recognises the services and places on record the dedication of its staff and student community in this noble and humanitarian cause. The college will continue to encourage and enable students to be "men and women of change" who understand the need for a just and equitable society.

As we begin a new academic year, I hope the strength we have built in our fellowship will continue to inspire the students and teachers who have joined our family. I strongly believe that the Josephite spirit will continue to ignite the lives of students who are now venturing into a new path. With the college becoming a university, we will continue to march onwards and upwards into a brighter and better tomorrow. I invoke God's choicest blessings on every member of the Josephite family - staff, students, and alumni/ae for the 139th year of SJC.

> Fr Dr Victor Lobo SJ Principal St Joseph's College (Autonomous)

## **EDITORIAL**

It's been a tough year and we continue to live in tough times. More than ever before it's become imperative to find ways, however small, to keep moving forward. St. Joseph's College did exactly this. When the college closed in March 2020, everyone assumed that in two weeks we'd be back on campus. But two weeks have now become almost two years. Despite these challenging times, the college spearheaded many initiatives to help those affected by the Pandemic. The campus was closed for classes but remained open for all kinds of relief work. From distributing ration kits to the needy to setting up a Care fund, the college has always been at the forefront. The canteen in the Magis block was converted into a Covid Care Centre with the help of the management, alumni, and other organisations. The spirit of Magis- to go above and beyond-became more important now than ever before.

The last academic year marked an important event for the college. The St. Joseph's University Bill was passed in the Legislative Council, helping St. Joseph's to move forward in taking the next step towards making Jesuit education accessible to more students.

Putting together the college magazine has always been a massive task. But this year it was even

more because of the pandemic. When everything around us was crumbling we still managed to put this magazine together to archive for posterity the different ways in which we got through this difficult academic year giving our best to our students. Our theme for the magazine this year, 'Onward and Upward' sums up well the journey of SJC as an institution during the course of 2020-2021. SJC has responded responsibly and sensitively to the unique challenges and uncertainties the pandemic brought upon us. Our theme for this year, 'Onward and Upward' is inspired by the Jesuit principle, 'The Spirit of Magis' - the spirit to achieve more, to do more and to be more.

This magazine was possible because of the efforts of every teacher and student of the Blue and White Team. Congratulations to the team!

As we now move to the next academic year, finding newer ways to overcome the many challenges the pandemic will continue to throw at us, we hope you find ways to rest and move forward with hope. Onward and Upward.

> Editorial Team Blue and White 2020-2021

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

or the last 450 years, Jesuit pedagogy has focused on the education of the whole person, challenging students to integrate the intellectual, the spiritual, and the social dimensions of their lives. This academic year, we rededicated ourselves to the foundational touchstone of holistic, transformative, and enabling education. We have been rewarded for following our goals consistently. Although the college had to close because of lockdown due to the pandemic, the spirit of learning continued in zest. A paradigm shift in teaching-learning methodology ushered in a renewed sense of the world. Classes being conducted online inculcated an appreciation of the familiar physical spaces that existed. The outside world came under more scrutiny, with staff and students taking their learning outside and helping relief activities. The lives lost in the Jesuit family during the pandemic are mourned. Their lives will remain an inspiration and help engender concern for the other by forming men and women who will be agents of change.

#### **Major Highlights**

The academic year 2020-2021 began with a well-coordinated orientation programme for the incoming students. A total of 2957 students were admitted for various courses in the college. To rise, surpass, excel, and be eminent in all we do has been our aim at St. Joseph's College. The number of students getting admission to our college indicates the faith the society has in our philosophies. The institution today has been able to reach various parts of the world through our global engagement programmes.

This academic year, the Government of Karnataka passed the St Joseph's University



Act officially, and the act was published in the government official gazette. This tremendous achievement is the beginning of a new chapter in Jesuit pedagogy, and all involved deserve appreciation. The college also saw significant infrastructure improvements to meet the growing number of students and provide them with better facilities.

Our college paid respect and homage to Father Stan Swamy in a Candle Light Condolence Prayer Meeting on July 7, 2021. Archbishop of Bangalore Most Rev Dr Peter Machado paid homage to Father Stan, who fought for justice among marginalized and oppressed communities.

The college has been at the forefront of numerous covid relief activities for the past year. The college canteen was converted to St. Joseph's Covid Isolation Care Centre. Bembala Outreach Centre, the NSS, other associations, the staff, and students of our college were proactive in responding to SOS calls, finding and delivering medicines, locating hospital beds and oxygen cylinders, transporting patients, delivering essentials, and helping with burial.

Bembala, our college outreach programme made it to the Asia Book of Records and Limca Book of Records for teaching in 150 schools a day.

#### **College Day**

he 137th College Day for 2019-2020 was celebrated on March 6, 2021, in the college auditorium. Dr Asha Sudhakar of the 1973 PCM batch, and Mr Karthick Krishnan of PG Chemistry 2008 batch were the chief guests of the evening.

All student rank holders and achievers took part along with their families. Retiring staff and their families were felicitated during the event. The outgoing student council was congratulated for their hard work and dedication for the past year.

#### **Change of Guard**

ev Fr Denzil Lobo SJ took charge as Director, Institute of Information Technology. Dr Fr Richard Rego SJ took charge as Director, Institute of Communication and Media Studies. Dr Mohanadas was appointed as Controller of Examinations. The following faculty members were appointed as deans of different schools. Mr Clement D'Souza, Dean, School of Humanities, Dr Fr Augustine Lourdu, Dean, School of Social Work, Dr Rabbi Akkiba Angiras, Dean, School of Physical Sciences, Dr Shobha SV, Dean, School of Chemical Sciences, Dr Beatrice Maria Sequeira, Dean, School of Life Sciences, Dr Arul Mani, Dean, School of Indian & Foreign Languages and Dr V Christo Selvan, Dean, School of Commerce & Management were appointed respectively.

#### **Retiring Staff**

The following staff has reached superannuation after completing years of outstanding service.

• Dr. Stephen Titus - Associate Professor -Mathematics - 31-05-2020

• Mr. Kashiraja - Attender - Chemistry - 31-05-2020

- Dr. Berin Lucas Associate Professor - Sociology - 30-06-2020
- Dr. Sandra Misquith Associate Professor - Chemistry - 30-06-2020
- Mr. Krishnaiah K Peon Library 31-08-2020 (VRS)

• Dr. Etienne Rassendran - Associate Professor - English - 31-10-2020

• Dr. Rajamani .S - Associate Professor -Botany - 31-03-2021

• Mr. Vincent F - SDC - Office - 31-04-2021

• Mr. Anthuvan PK - Attender - Zoology -31-05-2021

• Mr. Thomas P Zachariah - Associate Professor - Zoology - 31-05-2021

• Mr. Om Prakash D - SDC - UG Library - 31-07-2021

• Dr. Jayashankar H - Associate Professor -Chemistry - 31-07-2021

#### Faculty Development Programme

he St. Joseph's College Faculty Development Programme, under the mentorship of Mr Clement D'Souza, organised an 11-day faculty development programme on innovation in teaching and learning and many other

programmes from December 11 - 21, 2020.

#### **Placements and PR**

n this academic year 97 Companies hired our students. All students completed a 30-hour Skill Development program and 7 other skill enhancement programs offered by Cognizant and EY.

The Placement Office signed an MOU with Youth4Jobs to provide 100% Placements for students with disabilities. Each year there has been a good increase in the number of students being placed. Thanks to the efforts of the Placement team and the host of companies and institutions that hire from SJC. The Placement office collaborated with Wheebox, CII, AIU and Team Alpha for various programs.

This year the placement office achieved 89% Placement Success with 509 students placed and 440 students choosing Higher Education.

The Office of Public Relations hosted several events this year. Open Heart is an event where people of repute are invited to share their stories of success and failure. This year, our guest speakers were Shri. Narayana Murthy, Founder/ Chairman of Infosys, Shri Krishna Byra Gowda, Indian Politician, and Ms Deepika Das, Indian Actress. Corporate Genesis - The Renaissance, 4th annual edition of Corporate Genesis, was hosted to inspire an entrepreneurial culture among students and uplift them to manage the workforce. Mr Mohandas Pai, Chairman of Manipal Global Education, was the chief guest and keynote speaker. This year, the Placement Office launched a new campaign, 'Josephites HIRE Josephites.'The idea is to create a large pool of Josephite employers who can actively participate in our campus recruitment processes. The team played a vital role in the success of many events that transpired this academic year.

#### **Student Council**

he student council elections were held in July and the following students were elected to various posts:

Shruti Merin Lal and Anusha BS were elected as the President and Vice President respectively. Angeline Katherina was elected as General Secretary and James Keith Hoover as Treasurer. Michelle Stanley became the Joint Secretary. Ralph Rajamathi and Arun T got elected for the post of Sports Secretaries. Aditi Sinha, Malavika Nandan, Israrahmed Adur, and Franklin Joseph were chosen as Cultural Secretaries.

During these challenging times of an entire academic year running online, the student council came up with innovative ideas that catered to those challenges and did a tremendous job working alongside the student fraternity. The council hosted Swagath, the annual freshers' day, with the theme 'What's your superpower?' Pratibha, the intra-collegiate fest, was well appreciated by the student community. The council observed Body Image Week, Women's Day Special, Mental Health Week, Expression week, and Environment week during the fest. The council conducted successful Investiture Ceremony. а Another commendable initiative called CouncilForYou was organised as a fundraiser to help struggling students pay their college fees. Politics of the Personal (POP), an interview series exploring ideas and current affairs relevant to the lives of students, was introduced. The council also came up with and organised a peerto-peer learning programme titled Edify.

Under the leadership of the council, students participated and won awards in many intercollegiate festivals. In addition, the student council took part in various programmes in and outside college and across the city under the aegis of student governor Ms Amita Priyadarshini.

#### **Sports**

he Students' Sports Committee organised inter-class tournaments effectively under the guidance of the Department of Physical Education. This academic year, 16 students represented the state in national-level tournaments. Our college staff actively participated in the BJES Inter Unit Staff Sports organized by St. Joseph's Boys' High School on January 31, 2021. Our teams won Throw Ball and Badminton and became Runners-Up for Table Tennis. Ms Maria A was adjudged player of the match. Ms Hazel Mary John was awarded player of the match twice for Throw Ball. The college also participated and became Runners-Up for Throw Ball in the BS Narayan Memorial Intercollegiate Tournament for Staff held on 19th and 20th of February 2021, by BMS College of Engineering.

#### Neerathon

The 14th edition of Neerathon was held in March 2021 under the guidance of the Wildlife Awareness and Conservation Club. The run for water conservation saw a participation of over 1500. The day was inaugurated by Shri C P Yogeeshwara, Minister of Tourism and Minister of Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka. The significant student participation included mostly students from our college and other colleges and clubs in the city.

#### **Josephite Choir**

he Josephite Choir, this academic year, participated in many events across the city and won accolades for the college.

#### **NSS - 1**

ing 1 of NSS conducted 51 programmes this academic year, starting with Wear-a-Mask Campaign. The Human Rights Week held in the first week of December saw eminent people coming in as guests and engaging with students on pertinent issues. The sessions conducted during the same covered relevant topics like Constitutional Democracy and Indigenous Cultures, Gender Equality, Mental Health - Suicide Prevention, Substance Abuse Awareness and Thanksgiving to COVID Warriors, Child Rights, and Abolition of Slavery. A rally on Child's Rights was conducted on February 28th 2021, following all covid protocols. The National Service Scheme Wing-1 of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) organized the Annual Rural Camp from 10th of April 2021 to 18th of April 2021. Fifty volunteers were selected for the same. This rural camp was instrumental in exploring the latent potential among the campers, building leaders, emphasizing the dignity of labour and self-help, and the need for combining physical work with intellectual pursuits. NSS also celebrated significant international and national events like International Day in Support of Torture Victims, Kargil Diwas, Independence Day, and Republic Day.

NSS-2

ing 2 of NSS conducted 40 programmes this year, ranging from poster-making, cooking food for the needy, and webinars on relevant issues. Although most events were conducted online, they saw good participation, with attendee numbers going beyond 100. The session on Self Defence and the online panel discussion on Rape and Abuse were much attended and appreciated. Two hundred saplings were planted in Pic-a-Plant drive. They also celebrated Independence day, spearheaded Human Rights week, and conducted a Child's Rights Rally with Unit 1. They also played a pivotal role in the covid relief activities of the college.

#### NCC

The NCC had an accomplished year. The 1 Karnataka Armed Squadron organised many events including Tree Plantation Pakwada, International Yoga Day, NCC Yogdan, webinars on Kargil Vijay Diwas, Fit India Movement, and Youth Synergy: Mental Health are some of them. From January 29 to 31, 2021, the Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC 2021) was held at our college. On March 12, 2021, to create awareness and remember the martyrs, DG NCC hosted a cleanliness drive for war memorials, statues, and monuments that are being neglected.

As part of the directive issued by the Hon'ble PM, Tika Utsav was observed by NCC units all over the country from April 11 to 14, 2021. 1 Karnataka Armed Squadron of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) also took part in the same. Six cadets were employed for COVID Vaccination drive duty on April 13 at Goodwill International Association at Neelasandra. The Squadron actively took part and collaborated in various activities organised by the college.

#### AICUF

he AICUF unit of our college kickstarted their activities for the new academic year with Ignatian week celebrations. Following which popular events such as Best-Out-Of-Waste and ActionSpeaks were conducted online. Towards the end of 2020, the Christmas week saw a slew of activities and contests being conducted. A silent rally protesting the unjustifiable incarceration of Fr Stan Swamy was also conducted. The unit also collaborated with the college outreach team Bembala for various covid-related relief activities, drives, and webinars.

#### **Examinations**

he office of the controller of examinations conducted End Semester Exams in offline and online mode throughout the academic year successfully. All results were announced on time.

#### Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC )

he Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IOAC) conducted several activities from March 2020 to June 2021. The cell took a significant role in the college's participation in NIRF 2021. The IQAC played a pertinent role in the submission of an article titled 'Best Practices of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru', to the International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU) in January 2021. This year, the cell conducted training programmes for internal and external participants. Representatives of different colleges across the country participated and found them beneficial. A webinar titled 'NAAC - Quality Assurance in Higher Education' was organized on December 15, 2020, under the aegis of the UGC Scheme - PARAMARSH. Later in the month, on December 30, a workshop on 'National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) -Strategic Implementation and its Nuances' was organized. The national-level 7-day online workshop on 'Revised NAAC Norms and Procedures' held from 07 January 2021 to 15 January 2021 under the aegis of UGC Scheme – PARAMARSH was well appreciated by participants. Lastly, a webinar titled 'Effective documentation' and 'Auditing (Academic, Administrative and Green Audit)' was organized on April 11, 2021, under the aegis of UGC Scheme - PARAMARSH.

The IQAC contributed to the participation in India Today Ranking, and the college secured 17th, 14th, 5th, 44th, 22nd, and 17th for Arts, Science, BCA, Commerce, MSW, and Mass Communication respectively.

#### **Campus Ministry**

part from handling HRD/ Theology classes and Ignitors Integral Formation Programme for students, the Campus Ministry successfullv conducted has manv Campus other programmes. The celebrated Ministry Ignatian Month 2021 to commemorate Ignatius 500 -Quincentenary of transformation of St. Ignatius Loyola. Various events were conducted for staff and students of the college. In memory of loved ones who lost their lives due to the pandemic, the Campus Ministry organised a Praver Service on June 7, 2021. During the service, staff and students gathered online to offer prayers for those who lost their lives, for the ones who were sick, and for the bereaved family members. The Campus Ministry organized the Eucharistic Celebration for the Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola on 31 July 2021, for St. Joseph's Feast on 18 March 2021, and for Christmas on 23 December 2020.

followed acknowledged the contributions of national leaders and emphasized that freedom also meant emancipation from adversity.

#### **Republic Day**

he Republic Day celebrations in the college saw much bigger participation with covid protocols strictly in place. Conducted on January 26, 2021, Principal Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo S.J., in his address, highlighted the difficulties faced by ordinary people due to the pandemic and encouraged the student community to help. The excellent contributions of NCC, NSS, and other student bodies during this period were appreciated. The principal also honoured NCC Armed Squadron Officer Lt. Akshay Mandalik, who recently won a prestigious award from the Ministry of Defence. The day also witnessed a solemn and grand piping ceremony in which distinguished NCC Cadets were conferred ranks by the principal. The rank of CSUO was conferred on Allen I Fernandes, the rank of CJUO on Suraj Sen and Raksha G Krishna, and the rank of CSM on Rishabh Rathore. These are cadets of the 1 Karnataka Armed Squadron. From the 1 Karnataka Air Squadron, the rank of CSUO was conferred on Chirag Sagar and Lalrohlui Colney, the rank of CUO on Anush N Shetti and Nandini M, the rank of CWO on Chaitra R and Chandra Bhusan.

#### **Independence Day**

he 73rd Independence Day celebrations of the college conducted on August 15, 2020, was a low-key affair on account of mandatory covid protocols. A small guard of honour consisting of NCC cadets and NSS volunteers was in attendance with Principal Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo S.J. After the unfurling of the national flag and the administering of the pledge, Chief Protocol Officer Lt. Dr B V Somashekaraiah, and Registrar Dr Melwin Colaco greeted the rector and principal. The addresses that

#### Outreach

The St. Joseph's Outreach Programme called Bembala is designed to inculcate the Jesuit vision of social sensitivity among students. This year, Bembala played a pivotal role in coming up with creative and innovative activities that consistently addressed numerous public concerns and challenges caused by the pandemic. The team has conducted 188 programmes, including webinars, online tuition classes, citizen journalism initiatives, awareness drives and campaigns, covid relief programmes, and NGO visits. An online sapling plantation drive saw the planting of 1200+ saplings. The team also received 52 letters of appreciation and awards from BBMP, Bangalore City Police, government hospitals, and NGOs. Bembala also made it to the Asia Book of Records and Limca Book of Records for teaching in 150 schools a day.

#### BCU Autonomy Review Visit

team from Bangalore Central University headed by Prof. T D Kemparaju, Vice-Chancellor, BNU, visited our college on April 9, 2021, to review autonomy for 2018-19 and 2019-20. The report was submitted to the team as per the format given, covering admissions, intake, research, student progression, placements, and faculty achievements.

Research

his academic year, the St. Joseph's Research Centre conducted an international research webinar series to inculcate expertise in Research Methodology in various subjects. The webinar received an overwhelmingly positive response and was successfully concluded. A webinar on Intellectual Property Rights was held on August 26, 2020. It was a joint venture of Visvesvaraya Trade Promotion Center (a Government of Karnataka organization) and St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) Research Center and was headed by the director of the research centre Rev Dr Joseph Lobo S J. Ms Prabhavati Rao (Facilitator, Intellectual Property Initiatives, Visvesvaraya Trade Promotion Center, Dept. of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Karnataka) presided over the webinar. The online workshop in Social Sciences Research Methodology was conducted on October 7, 2020, as a part of a series of workshops organised by SJC Research Committee. The two resource persons Dr Amrita Ghatak from Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR) Ahmedabad and Dr Pradeep Ramavath J from National Law School of India University (NLSIU) Bengaluru, spoke on 'Research Methodology in Labour Studies' and 'Qualitative Research Designs for Policy Analysis' respectively.

On October 17, 2020, the research committee conducted a two-hour webinar on the theme 'Research Methods' in Physical Sciences' which was the third in a series of webinars on research methods. The resource persons for the day were Dr Ramesh Gardas from the Department of Chemistry, IIT Madras, and Dr Leena Shenoy from the Department of Mathematics, BNM Institute of Technology, Bangalore. The research committee at St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) arranged an international seminar on 'Storytelling as Research Method: Research Methodology in the Arts & Humanities' on November 6, 2020. The resource person for the event was Dr Ruth Goldman, Associate Professor of Media Production in the Communication Department and Coordinator of Women & Gender Studies Minor at Buffalo State College, USA. On 26 November 2020,

an international research webinar on 'Research Methodology in Biosciences' was organized by St. Joseph's Research Centre, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru. Prof. K Marimuthu, Department of Biotechnology, Faculty of Applied Sciences, AIMST University, Malaysia, delivered an insightful talk on 'Application of Statistics in Biological Sciences Research'.

A year online went by and the spirit of Fide et Labore has prompted newer ways of thinking. The highlights mentioned above indicate the numerous innovative ideas employed, course corrections made, creative interventions in academic engagements, renewed social sensibilities, and an undying strive towards excellence that has always been the identifying thrust of a Josephite. The college is always looking to expand its frontiers in all aspects. Drawing inspiration from the creative and intellectual output that arose within a year mired by restrictions from the pandemic, the college is on its way to realizing its vision.



## **COVID RELIEF**

embala – St Joseph's Outreach, in the new academic year 2020 – 2021 took off with new challenges. The unprecedented Covid – 19 pandemic caused the world to come to a standstill while driving a huge population further into economic, social and psychological distress. It became imperative, therefore, for everyone to prepare a way to approach the new normal. At this juncture, Bembala Team, under the leadership of Fr. Brian Pereira SJ –Director, came up with many creative and innovative activities to ensure our students inculcate concern for the society. Initiative to offer an inclusive space for extensive discussions on various topics and presentations on selected topics by experts were made available to all our students through online platforms. Some of the other activities organised were Online Teaching for the Government School Children, Relief Programmes for Migrant Workers, Online Citizen Journalism, Online Sapling Plantation Drive, and Covid Relief Work.



# **ORIENTATION FOR STUDENTS OF UG, PG AND FACULTY**

#### New Faculty Orientation Programme

he orientation programme for the new faculty members who joined in July 2020 was organised by the FDP committee on MS teams between the 24th of July 2020, and the 26th of July 2020. The 3-day training programme was conducted by the SJC Digital Teachers group. The programme was coordinated by Prof. Clement D'Souza, Dr. Vanitha N.M., Dr. Joyce D'Souza and Dr. Sunita Rajamani.

Teachers were trained in using the MS Teams platform for online classes and other online tools for enhancing the effectiveness of teaching. The resource persons were teachers from St. Joseph's College.

#### PG Student Orientation Programme

he Student Induction Programme Committee coordinated an online Student Orientation Programme for PG students on the 3rd of August 2020. The program commenced with a formal inaugural ceremony and was followed by addresses from the Rector, Dr. (Fr.) Swebert D'Silva, SJ, the Principal's address by Dr. (Fr.) Victor Lobo, SJ, the Registrar's address by Dr. Melwin Colaco, and Dr. Cheriyan Alexander from the Department of English. This was followed by an institutional and departmental-level orientation. The students were also given a brief overview of the course by the respective PG coordinators and Heads of the Departments.

#### UG Student Orientation Programme

UG Student he Orientation Programme was coordinated online by The Student Induction Programme committee on the 17th of August 2020. The program commenced with a formal inaugural ceremony and was followed by addresses by the Rector Dr. (Fr.) Swebert D'Silva, SJ, the Principal, Dr. (Fr.) Victor Lobo, SJ, and the Registrar, Dr. Melwin Colaco. Dr. Cheriyan Alexander gave a virtual tour of the college and campus to the students.

An institutional-level orientation followed the inauguration, acquainting the UG students about the various functionalities of the college. The COE, Dr. Jacob Paul, and the mentors' coordinator, Ms. Nisha Menzies Rao, oriented the students about the rules and regulations of the college, examinations and the role of class mentors.

Mr. Kiran Jeevan briefed the students on placement and internships. They were introduced to the opportunities in NCC by Lt. Akshay Mandlik and Sqn. Ldr. Dr. K Paul Newman. Activities under NSS was introduced by Mr. Selwyn Paul and Mr. Prasad C N.

Ms. Amita Priyadarshini, Governor of the Student Council, introduced the officebearers and gave a glimpse into the cultural activities lined up for the year. Ms. Hazel Mary John from the Department of Physical Education elaborated on the various sports activities lined up for the year.

Ms. Latha Paul, the coordinator of the College Associations, gave a glimpse of the activities of the various associations and, Ms. Viola Noronha, Campus Minister, gave details on the activities and opportunities for students in AICUF and CSA.

This was followed by departmental-level orientations organized by the mentors on MS teams. The students were introduced to their respective Vice-Principals, Deans, and Welfare Officers who addressed the students about their roles in the various aspects of their academic journey in college, discussed important points from the student handbook and addressed queries.



# **FDP PROGRAMS**

#### Training on E-Content Development: Strategies, Tools, and Opportunities

he FDP committee of the college has always been well-balanced and sensitive with respect changing teachingto learning contexts. this in the season of Recognising uncertainty, the committee conducted a training programme on E-Content Development - Strategies, Tools, and Opportunities. Committed to supporting the faculty, this programme provided training which was creative, ingenuous and the need of the hour. The programme was held from May 13-21 and coordinated by Ms Parinitha Shinde and a team from the Department of Communication.



The sessions were 'Paradigm Shift from Traditional to Online Education' by Dr Greta Dsouza (Christ Deemed-to-be University), 'An Introduction to Microsoft Teams by Mr Nevil Dsouza (Department of Communication) and Ms Banu (Department of Computer Science), 'Exploring Linways AMS' by Ms Abhirami (Linways), 'How to make an effective PPT and Screen Capture using OBS Studio' by Mr Arkadev Ghoshal (Department of Communication), 'Creating One Classroom Session' by Dr Arun Thampan (Department of Physics), 'Podcasts and their Incorporation into the Classroom' by Mr Suraj Rajashekhar (Department of Physics) and 'Linways Part 2' by Ms Abhirami (Linways).

#### LIBA

he following teachers attended the 'ProAct Digital Teacher' online course conducted by Management Development Centre (MDC), Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA), Loyola Campus, Chennai from June 15-20, 2020: Dr. Joyce D'Souza, Dr. Sunita Rajamani, Dr. Christine Nigil, Dr. Jayasree B, Dr. Vanitha N, Dr. Amudhan, Ms. Banu, Ms. Rajalekshmi, Mr. Charles Ambrose, Ms. Veena Nirmala, Ms. Usha Priyadarshini, Ms. Amita Priyadarshini, Dr. Suhas D P, Ms. Sana Begum, Ms. Ahana Ruth Pinto, Ms. Shefali Mathew, Ms. Princy Nisha, Ms. Amanda D'Souza. We thank Prof. Clement D'Souza for organizing this workshop participation for us, and we thank our Principal for sponsoring this course for the entire team. These courses led to many in-house digital class trainings which were very necessary for the teaching fraternity to help them take the leap from offline to online.

#### SJC Digital Teacher Programme

The SJC digital teacher group who underwent training from LIBA in June 2020 scheduled a training for all faculty members in order to get their hands on digital teaching mainly using MS teams. This workshop, a followup on the workshop on digital tools and platforms conducted by Department of Mass Communication, was organized by Prof. Clement and Dr. Joyce. On June 25, 2020, the resource persons were Ms. Banu, Dr. Jayasree, and Dr. Sunita and their topics were course design for online delivery and content uploading. On June 26, 2020, the resource persons were Dr. Joyce, Ms. Veena, Dr. Amudhan, and Dr. Suhas. Their topics were attendance compilation and survey forms. On June 27, 2020, the resource persons were Mr. Charles, Dr. Vanitha, Ms. Princy, Ms. Sana and the topics were scheduling combined meetings and livestreaming. On June 29, 2020, the resource persons were Ms. Amita, Ms. Rajalekshmi, Ms. Amanda, and Ms. Shefali and their topic was asynchronous learning and tools to supplement online teaching. On the last day, i.e. June 30, 2020, the resource persons were Ms. Banu, Ms. Christine, Ms. Usha, and Ms. Ahana and their topic was designing online assessment and assignment methods.

#### **Panel Discussion**

n August 29, 2020, the FDP team hosted a panel discussion titled 'New Education Policy 2020' from 2:00 pm. The session began with Ms. Parul Batra from the Department of English welcoming guests and the moderator Dr. Cheriyan Alexander and introducing them to the very enthusiastic audience that was glued in via Zoom and a Youtube live broadcast. The first speaker was Dr. Valerian Rodrigues who emphasized the need to favour those students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds through NEP. Dr. M J Vinod spoke next and highlighted that the audience should take an objective view of the policy and approach with an open mind to the various merits and demerits of the NEP. Finally, Dr. Anil Pinto took the panel discussion to a more balanced view where he spoke of how the policy would benefit higher education institutes and aid their growth by opening up a vista of possibilities.

#### Introduction to Basics of MS Teams and Advanced Excel for Non-Teaching Faculty

he FDP committee conducted a workshop for the non-teaching staff on September 12, 2020, from 11-12 pm. Ms. Banu (Department of Computer Science) conducted this session along with Ms. Veena (Department of Mathematics), and Dr. Paramesha M (Department of Botany). The main objective of this initiative was to familiarize the non-teaching staff with MS Teams and advanced tools in excel, such as dash board through macro, data entry form creation, and certain useful formulae. This workshop intended to orient non-teaching staff towards developing their computer skills and equip them with online communication skills. There were 45 participants. Mr. Lawrence, an administrative staff, shared that this was a good initiative and hoped further such workshops would tailor to specific administrative, library and front office purposes.

#### NEP 2020 - A New Roadmap for Teachers

he FDP committee conducted a webinar on 'NEP 2020 - A New Roadmap for Teachers' on September 5, 2020, as part of teachers' day celebration on MS teams. The resource person was Dr. Chetan B Singai (an alumnus of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) and member of Technical Secretariat, Committee to Draft the National Education Policy). The session was moderated by Ms. Amita Priyadarshini. Dr. Singai gave a brief overview of how National Education Policy had come into being and also presented its highlights. The roles of various educational bodies were discussed. The benefits that type I, II, and III institutes would receive from NHEC and state/central government(s) were also discussed. There were also enthusiastic deliberations about the weightage of research, service, and teaching to balance the workload of individual teachers. The

speaker elaborated on the constitution of a board of governors and the importance of allotting 6% of GDP for education. There was also a concern about PU colleges and teaching jobs at that level. The talk also included what changes we could expect when UGC is changed to HEGC, and whether deemed-to-be universities will be funded by the HEGC. The college congratulated Dr. Chetan Singai for being part of such a great mission and thanked him for his valuable time and patience for answering our queries.

#### Training for New Faculty Members

r. Vanitha and Dr. Sunita carried out training for new teaching faculty on two days, September 1 and 4, 2020. The topics covered by Dr. Vanitha were creating teams, adding students and teachers, scheduling classes, taking classes, recording classes among the various features of linways. They were also trained about the basic etiquettes needed while taking an online class. Dr. Sunita trained them on class notebooks, downloading attendance, and using MS forms for attendance and assignment on MS teams. Ms. Nisha, Mr. Charles, Ms. Amanda, Ms. Amita, Ms. Rajalekshmi, Ms. Shefali, Ms. Veena, Dr Amudhan were also resource persons for various departments.

#### **Staff Enrichment Programme**

seven-day on-campus staff enrichment programme was organized by the college Faculty Development Programme (FDP) committee from December 10-21, 2020, to enrich and enhance the skills of the teaching faculty. The broader area was 'Staff Development'. The training programme was envisaged for the transitional development of faculty. On the first day of the programme, Fr. Swebert D'Silva, Rector, SJC, addressed the attendees on the topic 'Mentoring in Jesuit Education'. He drew from the

wealth of his own experiences of teaching for nearly three decades to illustrate how teachers can build structures of support for their students. He emphasized that teachers as mentors must assist in the total formation of each student and help them probe the meaning of human life. Apart from sound intellectual formation, mentors must help students to think critically. He added that teachers must make students more imaginative, creative, and reflective, and assist in the preparation of a life in the service of others. During the second session of the day, Dr. (Fr.) Augustine Lourdu, Department of Social Work, examined the guestion 'What makes a Great Teacher?' He stated that a great teacher loves to learn, in addition to transmitting knowledge. He urged the staff to formulate an ideology behind the lessons they teach. He stressed on the importance of cultivating human ethos in the classroom and added that teachers must recognize the lives that students lead outside of college in an attempt to be empathetic. He also encouraged teachers to examine the relationship between power and violence in order to achieve a more equitable society. He advised teachers to build a foundation of value to help students turn challenges into opportunities.

In the following days, various sessions were covered on the broad topic 'Staff Development'. Sgn. Ldr. Dr. Paul Newman (NCC, Air Wing) had an engaging session on 'Educators and Social Responsibilities'. He emphasized on one of the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals, 'quality of education, and talked of how Jesuit education inculcates the same ethos in our system. Teachers impact the circle of concern and circle of influence and hence it is our duty to bring in awareness among our students. Dr. Arun Varma Thampan introduced various tools for online teaching such as ICT and the impact of online teaching from brick and mortar classes to digitized learning, Moodle, randomization, tagline presentation, and evaluation methods. Ms Nisha Menzies Rao (Department of Psychology) dealt with the topic 'Mental Health and the Teachers'. The session was very important and relevant to the present-day scenario and helped the audience to seriously think about working on the work-life balance and mental health during the pandemic. Dr P E Somaiah (Department of Political Science) elaborated on the topic 'Governance of Minority Institutions in Karnataka'. The session highlighted the various distinctions and opportunities available for minority institutions in Karnataka. Fr. John Lang Bosco S.J. moderated a session with Mr. Madhav Menon and Dr. Madhurini to bring out the role of the Department of Psychology and Counselling in moulding our students towards good mental health. Fr. John spoke about the importance of mentors in a student's life and how a mentor can positively influence a student in distress and bring about a change in his/her outlook. Dr. Madhurini discussed the difference between a mentor and a counselor. She spoke about extreme situations where the mentor could refer the student to a counselor and highlighted the importance of collaboration between mentor and counselor. Mr. Madhav Menon discussed case studies of students undergoing anxiety/trauma and spoke about various possibilities to solving such issues. Mentors shared their own experiences in mentoring and counseling at their levels and talked about how every faculty with the aid of a counselor can help students out of situations of despair. Rev. Dr. (Fr.) Joseph Lobo, SJ, Research Director, highlighted various issues regarding research in higher education during his session on 'Research and Jesuit Ethos'. Promotion, recognition, monetary gains, personal interest are some factors that motivate research. However, lack of ethical consciousness can lead to

malpractices. Teaching and research are closely connected. Dimensions of Jesuit ethos to motivate research are the sense of being called for a mission, response to a specific context, goal orientedness, deeper meaning in life, MAGIS, introspection, sense of sacredness in creation. Fr Joseph emphasized on the various dimensions of scientific research such as a response, rigor, intellectual honesty and deep thirst for truth, creativity, criticality, originality, being systematic without necessarily being systemic, replicability and consequent generalizability to similar circumstances, predictability, data-based objectivity, precision, high probability, purposiveness combined with ethical concerns. He concluded by highlighting that research can abolish rote learning in our institutions and bring revolutionary and effective ways of teaching.

Outcome based education (OBE) was covered by Dr. Syed Wajeed (IQAC coordinator). He emphasized on future education development in India; sustained initiatives; enhancing employability of graduates through curriculum reform; improving/upgrading academic resource; raising the quality of teaching and research; use of technology and integration to improve teaching-learning process; student centred-curriculum design, delivery, and assessment planning; four basic principles (Spady 1994) - clarity of focus, designing down, high expectations, expanded opportunities; passive teaching methods/average retention rate; strategylearning and teaching- upend existing framework, pedagogy, strengthen the resources, digital enhancement curricula; awareness of learners; OBE process

- constructive alignment (Prof. John Biggs); focus and clarity on programme educational objectives (PEOs), programme objectives (POs), programme specific objectives (PSOs), course outcomes (COs); incorporation of Bloom's taxonomy in the course outcomes. Dr. Cheriyan Alexander shared his experiences of teaching a filled classroom from back in the 1990s which would help us in our 'professional growth'. Involving students in the teachinglearning process by asking them to talk about something related to the subject that interested them would enhance classroom productivity. The need of the hour is to provide equal opportunities for those who cannot afford education. Dr. Arul Mani emphasized on the importance of retreat, recreation, and reiuvenation and leisure time for teachers. The need for academicians to engage in extension activities has to be considered. There is a need to provide education to people based on their capability (streaming system). The resource persons covered a wide range of topics that helped us improve our classroom as well as online teaching skills.

#### Jesuit Leadership

r. Richard Rego SJ, Fr. Francis Pinto SJ, Fr. Maxim Dias SJ, Mr. Clement D'souza, Dr. Beatrice Sequeira, Dr. Rabbi, and Dr. Shobha attended an inter-jesuit institution workshop on 'Jesuit Leadership' from July 26 -28 by HRDC, Ashirvad, Bangalore.



## **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

he 73rd Independence Day Celebrations at St. Joseph's College, on 15th of August 2020, was unique for a number of reasons. Our college has had the fortune of celebrating Independence Day right from 1947 with a lot of pomp and

grandeur. The Principal Rev. Dr. Victor Lobo SJ, was accorded a Guard of Honour by a very limited number of NCC Cadets and NSS Volunteers. After the unfurling of the National Flag, the Principal administered the National Pledge.

In his address, Rector Rev. Fr. Swebert D'Silva SJ, placed on record the selfless services of all freedom fighters and reminded that freedom from difficulties and hunger of the ordinary citizens including the migrant workers who are suffering the most due to pandemic, as an absolute necessity.

Fr. Principal in his address reminded the great and unmatched service rendered

to India, by The Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, First Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and The Architect of our Constitution Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. ar

Chief Protocol Officer Lt. Dr. B. V. Somashekariah gave the National Salute.







College witnessed he grand Republic Day а Celebrations on the 26th of January 2021. The Principal Rev. Dr. Victor Lobo SJ, arrived at the venue escorted by the Student Council Leaders and important College Officials, was warmly received by the Chief Protocol Officer Lt. Dr. B.V. Somashekaraiah. Fr. Principal was accorded a spectacular Guard of Honour by both Wings of College NCC Cadets and both Units of NSS Volunteers. After the unfurling of the National Flag, the Principal administered the National Pledge.

On behalf of the Management and SJC Community, Rev. Fr. Principal honoured the NCC Armed Squadron Officer Lt. Akshay Mandlik, who recently won a prestigious award from the Ministry of Defence.

In a solemn and grand Piping Ceremony, Fr. Victor Lobo SJ, conferred the following Ranks on the below mentioned distinguished NCC Cadets of 1 Karnataka Armed Squadron of the College: Rank of CSUO on Allen I Fernandes Rank of CJUO on Suraj Sen and Raksha G Krishna

Rank of CSM on Rishabh Rathore

The following distinguished NCC Cadets of I Karnataka Air Squadron of the College were conferred Ranks by Fr. Principal -

Rank of CSUO on Chirag Sagar and Lalrohlui Colney

Rank of CUO on Anush N Shetti and Nandini M

Rank of CWO on Chaitra R and Chandra Bhusan

At 6 p.m., Protocol In Charge Mr. G. Anuplal officiated the National Flag lowering ceremony.

In his Republic Day address Rev. Fr. Principal highlighted the excellent role played by our college NCC, NSS and other student bodies in this hour of need.

# STUDENT COUNCIL

#### Prathibha 2021

he Student Council hosted Prathibha 2020-21, 'The Epoch of the Dauntless' as a month-long celebration of youth culture and pressing current issues. The purpose of choosing the theme was to highlight the woke culture of the present generation, which has braved many odds and still chooses to strive for a better world. 1st of March 2021 witnessed the inauguration of the fest where the cultural associations of college put on a marvellous show for the Josephites and with a special performance by a band, Manga.





Throughout the month, the college celebrated and initiated an open dialogue on the most crucial topics of our timesbody image and expression, mental wellbeing, women's day special, environment week, civil and democratic rights with the help of multiple associations. With respect to this, programs were held in college premises and a major chunk of content was created for the Instagram page of the council. Alongside this, an eclectic range of competitive events were held for students in both offline and online mode which were hosted by every association in collaboration with the council. The culmination of this month-long hustle and chaos was celebrated on 31st of March. The overall trophy was bagged by the students of II PCM





#### **Investiture 2020**

he much-awaited investiture ceremony of the Student Council of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bangalore for the year 2020-2021 was held



on the 14th of December 2020. Emceed by Prof. Taral, the ceremony began with the singing of the college anthem by the Josephite choir, followed by the welcome address by the Governor, Prof. Amita Priyadarshini. The event then moved onto the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries on the dais- Principal Dr. Fr. Victor Lobo SJ, the Registrar Dr. Melwin Colaco, the Governor Ms. Amita Priyadharshini, and Council President, Ms. Shruti Lal. The oath taking ceremony was presided over by the Governor, followed by the badging ceremony. Fr. Principal delivered a pertinent and motivating speech congratulating the newly appointed members. Ms. Shruti Lal, the elected president of the council proposed the vote of thanks and the ceremony ended with the singing of the national anthem.

## The members of the Student Council for the academic year 2020-21 were -

President: Shruthi Merin Lal – III IES

Vice President: Anusha B.S – III PMC

**General Secretary:** Angeline Katherina – II BVOC Digital Media & Animation

Treasurer: James Keith Hoover – III CZBT

Joint Secretary: Michelle Stanley - II MCOM

#### **Cultural Secretaries:**

Aditi Sinha – III Bcom C Israrahmed Adur – III CBBT Malavika Nandan – III CPE Franklin Joseph H – III BCA

#### **Asst. Cultural Secretaries:**

Preetal A.S – III BCom B Suraj S Naik – III CZBT Sushmita Lama – II BVOC Digital Media & Animation

#### Sport Secretaries:

Ralph Rajamathi – III PCM Arun T – III HEP

#### Swagath 2020

Swagath, four weeks of great joy, was the start of the college journey for the first year students-- giving them an opportunity to explore their college life virtually. This year, fighting all odds, Swagath 2020, for the first time in the history of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) was conducted virtually. Kickstarting from the 21st of August 2020, it was conducted in mainly three phases and ended on the 11th of September. The theme of Swagath was "What's Your Superpower". The events held were - singing, dancing, photography, videography, fashion show, poetry, instrumental, beatboxing, free styling, fitness, painting or sketching, unique and theatre.

Phase one of Swagath was the class-toclass interaction. This was a very new initiative where the council members interacted with each and every class across UG and PG. Each session was scheduled for half an hour, and a senior from each batch who acted as a senior buddy was present too, so the juniors could also ask course related questions. The juniors were sent a form to ask questions if they had any regarding college life, and these were compiled and answered though a live session on the IG handle by James Hoover and Michelle Stanely.

The second phase to Swagath involved a collaboration with Indie Artists through 'Last page Collective'. This was the final summit of the entire freshers week. There were two Chief guests, the first being Hitha Chandrashekhar and Sindhu Lokanath. The grand finale was marked by a YouTube premier, anchored by Preetal Shanbhag and Suraj Naik. Each event had the top 3 winners and three honorable mentions. The final and the most awaited of all was Mr. and Miss Fresher, who were the jack of all trades as they had won the most number of events across all the fourteen events hosted by the council. Chandradeep Toppo from JIP was crowned Mr. Swagath and Vaishnavi Padmakumar Nair from BCom IFA was crowned Miss Swagath.

#### Politics of The Personal 2020 (Ep 1)

The Politics of the Personal is an interview series started by the Student Council with the aim of introducing and exploring ideas that are either trending in current affairs or ones that hold significant importance in student lives. The first episode of the Politics of the Personal titled the "The Forgotten Canvas" was about Dalit Art and History for which the guest was Ms. Vijeta Kumar. The questions were specific and concise enough to pique the interest of the speaker and yet simple enough for the audience to

follow along without being overwhelmed. The episode was an eye opener to many as it covered topics that were not talked about either due to negligence or because it was considered as uncomfortable topics, which was perhaps better put by Ms. Vijeta when she said "....People like to believe that caste is invisible" while answering one of the questions in the interview.

#### Politics of Personal 2020 (Ep 2)

his was a pre-recorded session posted on our Instagram where Ms. Manjima indulged in a comfortable conversation regarding the fashion industry while also talking about the uncomfortable aspects of body-shaming within the industry, and how people viewing it from the outside contribute to the same. She spoke about how people outside the industry already have a tendency to think women who work in the fashion industry only have bodies they can use to make a living and not intellectual ability and how we may believe they are all elitists. She also brought in the element of men modeling and how they are prejudiced against for working in an industry that is wrongly considered as a feminine space. The session ended with how we as young adults in college can break down stereotypes that contribute to body-shaming and accept ourselves and others for the way they are.

#### Let's Talk About It: Sexual Consent

ith the state of affairs in the country, especially among young adults, The Student Council thought it apt to host a webinar that focuses on sexual consent. The resource person, Ms. Meenakshi Giridhar, perfectly elaborated on every aspect of consent - how to say no, and take no for an answer, and how consent affects men, women, and those who don't identify as either. She also touched upon the element of power when it comes to consent, and micro-aggressions we don't normally notice in our day-to-day lives. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks given by Radhai from the Gender Sensitization Cell.

#### Council For You 2020-2021

ovid 19 not only affected the health of countless people but also devastated our economy. As a result, many parents had become financially unstable and many had lost their jobs. The Student Council started to receive many messages from students who were unable to pay their fees for the academic year. In the hope to allow students to focus on their academics and lift some of the financial burden their families were facing, the Council proposed to set up a relief fund to help students who were unable to pay their fees. With the support of our Principal, the Student Council initiated the CouncilForYou fundraiser.

Initially, NGOs and donors were approached individually. Later, the fundraiser was crowdfunded on Ketto. We were overwhelmed by the immense support we received from the get go, especially from our very own faculty who understood the need of the hour and supported us by contributing towards this cause. It also saw students themselves who came forward to support this cause from the little that they had. Finally, the initiative gained the support of the public who came to know about this fundraiser through a newspaper article. The council was successful in raising an amount of Rs. 3,84,000 which was directly received into the College account. The next milestone was identifying the students in need namely those whose parents has lost their jobs or were daily wage workers or students who funded their own education

The scrutiny of applications and distribution of the amount raised was done through a committee formed by teachers of the Student Council. A total of 55 students were provided the Council Scholarships and additional support was also extended by the management to those students who required it. The success of the Fundraiser was the collaborative effort of the Student Council, the extended council which comprises the sponsorship, marketing and content wing and the Management of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous).

#### **Edify 2021**

he Student Council started a new Student Council programme called L EDIFY in the academic year of 2020-2021. EDIFY is a year-long programme based on the Ignatian principles of Magis and Cura Personalis. The main pillars of the initiative are academic opportunity, individuality, and holistic development. As the ongoing pandemic created a disconnect amongst students, the first programme to kickstart EDIFY this year was 'Peer Learning Program'. The Peer-to-Peer learning programme was started as a step in the direction to create a more joint and collaborative learning experience at St. Joseph's College. The initial thought process was to create a self-dependent environment to boost the overall learning ecosystem on campus.

In order to implement the peer-to-peer learning programme, the Student Council constituted a core team comprising of the following members:

Bhuvan Kashyap - Student Coordinator

Nilay Nitnaware - Head, Peer Learning Platform

Sagar JC - Head, School of Physical Sciences

Ryan Pathak - Head, School of Natural Sciences

Likhith. J - Head, School of Natural Sciences

Sagar Bishen - Head, School of Commerce & Management

Akshaya Raja - Head, School of Commerce & Management

Mahima Devan - Head, School of Humanities and Professional Courses

The members were responsible for making the program intriguing and encouraging for more applicants to be peer mentors. An operational structure was formed where peer mentors had a head mentor for each subject under the leadership of whom the other peer mentors were appointed. Having diverse course structures, the School of Commerce & Management followed a different approach of having a head mentor for each of their programs.

EDIFY registered 183 peer mentors and 968 peer learners as part of the larger Peerto-Peer framework. Each mentor put in a tremendous effort to make peer sessions enjoyable and educational. Peer mentors were allowed autonomy in their teaching practice, apart from some organizational restrictions. It was observed that as peer mentors used interactive tools like polling, videos, and also shared funny content to make their sessions more engaging. Sources including the material produced (notes, recordings, etc.) were shared throughout every class. Soon, the peer sessions turned into social groups where friends came together to study and learn holistically.

EDIFY received great positive feedback along with few constructive criticisms. The learners appreciated the innovative approaches mentors had adopted to teach, such as popular pop culture references to gain student's attention and interactions that focus more on the accessible exchange of information through voluntary participation.

## **CAMPUS MINISTRY**

#### **Ignatian Month 2021**

Campus he Ministry celebrated lanatian Month 2021 to commemorate Ignatius 500 - Quincentenary of transformation of St. Ignatius Lovola. Various events were conducted for staff and students of the college. The celebration began on July 1st with the inaugural ceremony with a message from the Rector, Fr. Swebert D'Silva SJ.

During the month, the team shared posters of motivational thoughts of St. Ignatius adapted from the Scintillae Ignatianae, compiled by Gabriel Hevenesi SJ, translated by Alan McDougall. Jesuit priests from the Karnataka Province spoke about their inspirational journey in the Society of Jesus through videos. On the 22nd of July 2021, an online talk was held for all the faculty of the college. Fr.Joye James SJ, Secretary, Jesuit Higher Education in South Asia spoke on the 'Challenges in Ignatian Education'.

It was followed by a virtual quiz competition on the life of St. Ignatius and the Society of Jesus. The winners of the quiz were Dr. Mary Princess Lavanya and Dr. Alan Godfrey. The second place was bagged by Ms. Reshma and Dr. Syed Wajeed. The third place was bagged by Dr. CAR Maria Sahayaraj and Dr. Sandiago El Canto – an evening of Ignatian Hymns was organised on the 28th of July 2021. The Ignatian hymns were sung by the Josephite Choir led by Dr Leonard Aiman. Dr. Alan Godfrey shared the history of the hymns during the event.

For the students, AICUF conducted a series of interesting virtual events from 19th to 28th of July 2021. The Ignatian month 2021 ended with a short valedictory programme on the 30th of July 2021. The Special guest, Mr. Roger Joseph Lurshay, Alumnus of the College shared his experience on the influence of Jesuit Education in his life. Principal, Fr. Victor Lobo SJ presided over the function.

#### **Prayer Service**

In memory of the loved ones who lost their lives due to the pandemic, the Campus Ministry organised a Prayer Service on 7th of June 2021. During the service, staff and students gathered online to offer prayers for those who lost their lives, the ones who were sick and the bereaved family members. Readings from different scriptures were read and reflected upon. The service ended with a hymn.

#### St. Ignatius of Loyola Feast Mass

he Eucharistic Celebration for the Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola was held on 31st of July 2021, in the Xavier Hall. The main celebrant for the mass was Most Rev. Dr. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore. The College Choir, coordinated by Dr Leonard Aiman added to the beauty of the celebration.



# AICUF 2020-21

n July 1, 2020 at 4:00 pm , a meeting welcoming Council Members for the discussion of Ignatian week events was held by Ms. Deepika S. It was decided to conduct six events namely 'Let all that you do be done in love,' God's precious gift to you,' 'St. Ignatius Loyola,' Gospel according to St. John,' 'Shine to Enkindle,' 'Hunger,' etc. On July 16, 2020, a meeting was held for making e-certificates and to check on the events' progress.

#### **Best out of Waste**

Best out of Waste was conducted on August 30, 2020. The event heads were Rahul and Roshan and the judge for the event was Ganesh Aithal, a motivational speaker who is currently working on a project for changing the education system. The total number of responses that we received was 84. Most of the students shared their view on the event and they were happy that this event kept them active and thinking something creative.The top three works were given e-certificates and the top ten works were featured on our official instagram handle that is @aicuf\_sjc.

#### Yuva

uva is an intercollegiate conducted throughout Karnataka for all the Jesuit institutes. Conducted on August 30, 2020, it had events like model making, collage, Indian folk dance, Indian folk song, etc. The motive was to encourage youth to be involved in the culture and heritage of our living. There were six participants representing our college in the fest and had a couple of prize winners too.

#### **Action Speaks**

The event was conducted on September 17, 2020. The motive of conducting this was to experience the life of the dumb, the deaf, and the blind. To make the event easy, the aicufers were given a choice to select any song and interpret a particular para (chorus, stanza). They were to use sign language for the same. The total number of responses that was received was 27. The best interpreted video was featured in our official instagram handle.

#### **Christmas Week**

s a celebration, we had a bunch of events from December 14-20, 2020. All the council members took the lead in heading each event. There were five events conducted namely The Carol, The Promise, The Start is Yours, Pick and Act and The Wings. All the participants depicted the life of Christ by their participation. In total we received 14 responses.









#### **Silent Rally**

In protest against Fr. Stan Swamy's arrest, a silent rally was organised on October 12, 2020 in the college campus. 16 of the AICUFERS had come for the rally during the pandemic. The event was held with all social distancing norms in place.

#### **Pulse Polio Drive**

This year's Polio drive was held from January 31- February 3, 2021. AICUF in collaboration with Bembala Outreach organised this drive for which 49 AICUFERS participated. Conducted in Murphy Town and Shanthi Nagar, both the venues saw students visiting 300+ houses every day.

#### **Hunger Drive**

This drive, was organised by AICUF Karnataka on February 13, 2021 for which many AICUF units around Bangalore collaborated. AICUF distributed around 250 food parcels for the needy. Seven students actively took part in this drive from the college.

#### Revelations

Revelations is a gospel fest conducted by the AICUF unit of St. Joseph's College of Commerce. It was hosted from February 25-26, 2021, for which we had active participation. The 24-member team was led by Fabian and Dravid under Prem who were the overall runners up.

#### Jehoshua

Pehoshua, an online gospel fest organised by Christ university, was conducted on March 21, 2021, for which six of the students participated with CSA's collaboration and a few won.

#### **Ration kits packing**

ICUF collaborated with Bembala for packing the ration kits for the migrant workers and marginalized people in Anekal on March 26, 2021. More than 500 ration kits were packed at SJC and distributed to the people in Anekal. 37 members were part of this activity.

#### Webinars

uman Rights And Constitutional Values: The speaker for this webinar on August 2, 2020 was the Chief Justice of the High Court Mr.Varghese Kurian.

Setting Goals and Developing Leadership Qualities: The speaker for this webinar on August 20, 2020, was IPS officer Mr. Ravi D Channavar. The webinar was conducted via Google meet and was live streamed on YouTube. Empowerment of Girl Child: This nationallevel webinar had the speaker Ms. Anita Binze, a renowned motivational speaker and educator.

Agriculture Bill 2020: Mr. Ajaypal Singh Brar, author and activist, Prof. R N S Gowda, founder and Vice Chancellor, Karnataka Veterinary and Fisheries Sciences University, were the chief speakers for this webinar on December 19, 2020.

#### Spread Positivity, Not COVID Positivity

This event was conducted on May 16, 2021. The coordinator was Mohammad Asif. The participants had to shoot a video of 30-60 seconds. In the video students could speak, give a message on Covid awareness, sing a song, dance, or any scripted act, etc. There were a total of 18 submissions.

#### **Tree Plantation Pakwada**

n the eve of June 5, 2020 World Environment Day,1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) Bengaluru conducted Tree Plantation Pakwada with an aim of spreading awareness on deforestation, global warming, environmental degradation and other similar problems. Everyone planted one sapling and encouraged people around them to do the same. The theme for this year's World Environment Day was 'Biodiversity'. Amid pandemic, the cadets took the risk of educating people on the ill effects of environmental degradation. The entire event was held under the guidance of ANO Lt. Akshay D Mandlik.



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#### **International Yoga Day**

n June 21, 2020, 1 KAR ARMD SQN TP-3, Group 'B', Karnataka and Goa Dte., celebrated International Yoga Day. The cadets created digital posters highlighting the importance of yoga in contributing to a healthy lifestyle. Cadets also sent videos of them doing various yoga asanas along with their family members and posted them on social media to create and spread awareness. A few cadets also took part in the "My Life My Yoga" video blogging competition and uploaded their entries under the hashtag #CYP\_YOGA\_2020. A total of 25 cadets and one ANO participated in this event.



#### Webinar on Kargil Vijay Diwas

uly 26, 2020, on the event of the 21st Kargil Vijay Diwas, the NCC unit of St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bangalore conducted a webinar to commemorate the event. The cadets of the 1 KAR ARMD SON NCC TP - 3 were present and so was the ANO, Lt. Akshay D Mandlik. The chief guests for the event were Major General Shiv Kumar AVSM and Col. Anshu Trivedi. The webinar was moderated by CSM Raksha Krishna, who began the event by welcoming the war veterans. Major General Shiv Kumar then proceeded to talk about the importance of the day and also shared his experiences and memories from his time in the defence force. Col. Anshu Trivedi further led the discussion by acquainting the cadets with various ways in which they could join the defence forces, urging them to work hard to achieve their dreams of donning the prestigious uniform one day.

#### Webinar on 'Fit India Movement'

n September 5, 2020 the cadets of 1 KAR ARMD SQN TP-3 organised a webinar to promote the 'Fit India' campaign that had been launched by the Honourable Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. This was the first webinar of the Fit India series conducted by the unit. The chief quests for the webinar were Mr. Mangal Arambham (Mr. India 2018 and Mr. Asia 2019) and Mr. Songashim Rungsung (Mega Mr. Northeast 2019 and Rubaru Mr. India 2020). The event was also attended by the CO, Lt Col. Ajay Khandpal, Sena Medal and the ANO, Lt. Akshay D Mandlik. Mr. Arambham and Mr. Songa were both ex NCC cadets of the same unit and they shared several valuable lessons that they had learnt on fitness and discipline during their time in the squadron. The two guests also conducted an interactive session with the participants where they taught them how to do basic workout moves like squats, side planks and mountain climbers. The webinar ended with a O&A session.





MR. MANGAAL ARAMBHAM Ex NCC Cadet

#### MR INDIA ,2018 MR ASIA, 2019

"When people say you cannot do it, I am more driven to do it" - Mangaal Anambam

MR. SONGASHIM RUNGSUNG Ex NCC Cadet

TOP 10 FINALIST OF MEGA MR NORTH EAST, 2019

FINALIST OF RUBARU MR INDIA,2020

The only answer to success is discipline, hard work, dedication, consistency and patience' - Songashim. Rangsung

#### NCC Yogdan

uring the Covid-19 pandemic, the National Cadet Corps under the guidance of DG. Lt. Gen. Rajiv Chopra, VSM conducted the "Ex- NCC Yogdan" to help people who are deprived of basic needs. The cadets and the ANO were involved in making packets of wheat, tea powder, rice, potatoes, and onions, following which, this ration was distributed to the people in need for a week. All the activities were conducted with utmost care and following the SOP of wearing masks, gloves, and social distancing. The other cadets also underwent the COVID 19 online training program provided by the Government of India on the iGot platform. The training consisted of DO's and DON'Ts of protocols while volunteering for the exercise.



#### **CATC 2021**

rom January 29 to 31, 2021, the Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC 2021) was held at St. Joseph's College (Autonomous). The camp commenced at 8:30 am and concluded at 5:00 pm every day. Cadets from three

troops under the 1 Karnataka unit took part in this cadre, 8 Karnataka and 39 Karnataka. Both drill and theory sessions were conducted during the three days to impart the necessary knowledge of NCC to the cadets and prepare them for their upcoming B Cert Examinations. In addition, information on map reading, fieldcraft and battle craft, and weapon training was imparted to the cadets. The sessions were conducted by the PI staff, JUO and his team. Lt. Col. Ajay Khandpal (SM), Commanding Officer of the unit and Lt. Akshay D Mandlik, ANO of 1 KAR ARMD SQN TP-3 conducted theory classes for the cadets. All the COVID-19 SOPs were followed during the three-day camp.

#### NAAC Visit

TP-3 took part in the NAAC visit organised at St. Joseph's College of Commerce on February 18, 2021. Mr. Kinari and Mr. Kashmir Singh from NAAC were the chief guests for the day.

#### War Memorial Cleanliness Drive

To create awareness and remember the martyrs, DG NCC hosted a cleanliness drive for war memorials, statues, and monuments being neglected on March 12, 2021. Sapper War memorial at Brigade Road, Bangalore, is a war memorial built in 1928 by the 1st Madras Pioneers of the British Indian Army in the First World War.

The names of the martyrs are written on the four sides of the cenotaph. The cadets of 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 and 9 KARNATAKA BN participated in the cleanliness drive. The event started with the welcoming and briefing of the cadets and PI staff by Group Commander Col. Harish. The event was highlighted by DDG, Karnataka and Goa directorate, Air Commodore LK Jain.

#### NAAC Visit

n March 14, 2021, the annual marathon event by the WAAC association at St Joseph's College (Autonomous) was conducted. The cadets of 1 KAR ARMD SQN had been part of the organising team for the event. The cadets were posted at different points along the route of the marathon to guide the participants.

#### **Plastic Plog Run**

n April 13, 2021, the cadets of 1 KAR ARMD SQNTP-3 participated in the "Plastic Plog Run" at Neelasandra. They picked up the garbage that had been inappropriately thrown on the side of the roads in the neighbourhood and ensured that they were disposed off properly. The cadets also interacted with several of the locals to raise awareness of improper waste disposal and urged them to do their part in keeping the environment clean. All social distancing protocols were strictly followed during the activity.

#### Jallianwala Bagh Homage

pril 13, 2021, marked the 102nd anniversary of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre at Amritsar, where hundreds of innocent souls were brutally murdered by the British Army. It is a day of great grief and is commemorated every year to remember those individuals who lost their lives. The cadets of 1 KAR ARMD SQN, St Joseph's College (Autonomous), paid homage to the lost souls and commemorated the day. They took to the social media platforms to share the importance of the day.

#### Webinar on Youth Synergy: NCC Tika Utsav: COVID **Mental Health**

webinar on "Youth Synergy: Mental Health" was organised by 1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TP-3 on April 10, 2021, on Google Meet. The chief guest, Ms. Kavya BV, Psychologist and Art-based Therapist, enlightened the cadets about the importance of good mental health and overcoming various mental health issues.

## Vaccination Drive

s part of the directive issued by the Hon'ble PM, Tika Utsav was observed by NCC units all over the country from April 11 to 14, 2021. 1 KAR ARMD SQN TP-3, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) also took part in the same. Six cadets were employed for COVID Vaccination drive duty on April 13 at Goodwill International Association

at Neelasandra. The cadets assisted the officials, thereby recording the names of the individuals who came for the vaccination, managing the crowd and ensuring that everyone followed social distancing protocols at the venue. The drive ended with 87 individuals being vaccinated.



#### Unit 1

#### International Day in Support of Torture Victims

he webinar was held on the 26th of June 2020 to sensitise the audience about the problems faced in society because of torture, indifferent treatment, and oppression. It also highlighted the ways to prevent torture. Speakers for this session included Ms. Aasha Ramesh, Ms. Akkai Padmashali, and Mr. Mathews Philip. The discussion revolved around the misconception associated with the term torture which is never only physical, how this act has affected the LGBTQI community and pushed them to the periphery of society, and ideas on prevention of torture and the legal issues that exist in India.

#### **Kargil Diwas**

The webinar was held on the 26th of July 2020 to commemorate the victory of the Indian Army in a war against the Pakistan troops that lasted for more than 60 days. Mr. Ambathy initiated the interaction by talking about his service and how one should acknowledge the spirit of the armed forces, and face one's own life and mindset.



Mr. Ambathy referred to the spirit of togetherness and sacrifice in the context of the mindset of the soldiers and

informed them about the organisation CLAW, whose major focus is people with disabilities. Volunteers were enlightened about the importance of trust and sacrifice in order to bring about a positive change in society.

#### 'Wear a Mask' Campaign

The 'Wear a Mask' campaign conducted on the 30th of July 2020, aimed at creating awareness among people about the importance of wearing a mask during the pandemic. During this campaign, participants were asked to write an effective caption to promote wearing masks in any language of their choice. The campaign was spread out across various parts of the country to ensure maximum participation. It was conducted in public places such as streets, traffic signals, etc., with utmost safety. Videos made by participants to create this awareness were posted on the official social media handle of the Unit and winners were given a certificate of appreciation. Tejaswini K stood first while Kevin Roy R stood second. Sneha S and Akel Varghese stood third.



#### Blood Donation, Plasma Donation, and Community Health Awareness Drive

The webinar was held on the 1st of August 2020, to enlighten volunteers about the immediate importance of blood and plasma donation, and mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic. The first speaker, Dr. Maizy Carol Fernandes briefed

the volunteers about various components of blood and terms like 'immunoglobulin', 'thrombocytopenia' were explained for better scientific understanding. She then offered insights on Blood Donor Day celebrated on June 14, and briefed the audience about the regulations proposed by the World Health Organisation for blood donation. Next, Dr. Santosh delved into the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic to talk about the mortality rate and how plasma therapy has currently been implemented to treat people affected by the virus. The event came to a close with Dr. Fernandes emphasising the importance of mental health.



Webinar on Nuclear Disaster

The webinar was held on the 6th of August 2020, to focus on the deadly effects of Nuclear Power Plants and Nuclear Science on the environment. Dr. Udayakumar, the speaker for the day gave a brief insight into the disasters and natural calamities, to explain their unpredictability. He explained how their occurrences are reasoned either by blaming it on natural landscapes, destiny or on mother nature taking revenge; but never by the fault of humankind. He talked about the Vulnerability Approach and cited examples of the nuclear accidents that took place in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Fukushima Daiichi to reiterate the same point. The economic and political implications of nuclear energy were also highlighted. The session enabled volunteers to visualize and understand the brutality behind nuclear disasters

#### Webinar on Cyber Crimes, Cyberbullying, and Cyber Laws

The webinar held on the 8th of August 2020, was aimed at creating awareness about cybercrimes and laws pertaining to them. The speaker, Ms. Tanvi Sharma focused on the current pandemic situation where people were more prone to cybercrimes. She emphasised the importance of learning cyber laws. Ms. Puspha Achanta shed light on how gender minorities were victims of online stalking and bullying. Ms. Brindaalakshmi K then spoke about the role of social media and its impacts. The session helped volunteers realise the importance of utilising cyberspace safely and efficiently.



#### **Independence Day Celebrations**

On the occasion of Seventy Fourth Independence Day- 15th of August 2020, National Service Scheme Wing-1 of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) organised various competitions encouraging students to showcase their skills amidst the pandemic and kindle their sense of patriotism. It was a nationwide competition spread across various states.



The webinar was held on the 21st of August 2020, to create awareness on Child Abuse and Sexual Harassment and the ways to handle such heinous situations. The speaker started off by giving an insight into occurrences of child abuse to understand the psychology of the child. She shared information about the Child Help Line number (1098) of India emphasising the importance of seeking counselling. She concluded her talk by giving insights into POCSO and POSH Acts. Dr. Saldanha observed case studies that were presented and found that most of them that revolved around women victims were related to marriage, toxic masculinity, and in most cases, the abuser was an authority figure. The session helped the volunteers to understand the toxicity of abuse and harassment and the adverse effects of such inhuman acts regardless of aender.



#### Webinar on Impact of Media on Society

The webinar was held on the 22nd of August 2020, to discuss the adverse effects of media on society and its consequences. The speakers for this event were Ms. Puspha Achanta, Ms. Sanna Irshad Mattoo, and Ms. Rehman. Ms. Sanna Irshad Mattoo spoke about her life as a journalist, the struggles she faced in Kashmir, and the abrogation of Article 370 which resulted in a massive blockade of communication. Ms. Rehman shared her insights on the misrepresentation and alienation of the Northeast in mainstream media. The session helped the volunteers to understand the situation in Kashmir and North Eastern states, to learn about the intricacies involved in media publishing, the consequences of such ambiguous processes, and the impact media can have on an individual and society.

## Webinar on Mental Stress and Life Management

The webinar held on the 30th of August 2020, was aimed to enlighten the audience about the various ways to counter stress and maintain mental health, especially during the pandemic time. Mr. Ravi G. talked about the adverse impact of social distancing and guarantine which has manifested in the form of mental stress in the lives of the youth. He emphasised the importance of physical exercise, feel-good hormones, a well-balanced diet, intake of vitamin C through lime and citrus fruits, taking breaks, staying away from social media, indulging in recreational activities, sleep, and laughter. This session helped in learning about the various types of stress and ways of countering the same.

#### **Orientation Program**

The webinar held on the 8th of September 2020, was aimed at briefing the volunteers about the legacy of the association and providing an insight into the proceedings of scheduled events. Volunteers shared their experiences of being associated with the association, and its influence on their personal and social life. The newly joined volunteers shared their expectations of the association. The programme officer, Mr. Selwyn Paul J. briefed the students about the association and the activities for the year. This session enlightened the freshers about the association in order to emulate their sense of belongingness in the association and contribute to the best of their abilities.

#### Webinar on Building Wealth through Stock Market

The webinar held on the 11th of September 2020, was aimed at enlightening the volunteers about the stock market and its proceedings. Mr. Bhat commenced his talk by enlightening the audience on some basic terminologies used in stock exchange. He shed light on the negative aspects of stock markets- gambling and its risk factors. He shared his personal experience entering the realm of trading, how it served as a learning curve, and how it is essential to understand, analyse and gain proper knowledge of the company before investing. The event helped the volunteers to gain deep knowledge about stock market investments.



#### **First Aid Awareness**

The webinar was held on the 14th of September 2020, to brief the volunteers about the importance of first aid and its vital role in saving lives. Mr. Sunand Sampath commenced his talk by explaining the biological factors related to medical emergencies and their treatment.



He continued with a video presentation, describing the importance of first aid and the precautionary measures to be taken. The video also included the golden rules of first aid which were explained in detail by the speaker. He also explained the right techniques to conduct CPR. This webinar was enlightening and successful in providing valuable tips to be followed in any given medical emergency.

#### Webinar on Novel Initiatives of Entrepreneurship

The webinar held on the 19th of September 2020, was aimed at enlightening the participants on business start-ups and setups, and briefing them about the possible ways into successful entrepreneurship. Mr. Sanjay, an entrepreneur, spoke about the reality of starting a business and the traits of a successful entrepreneur; five main motivators in any business- money, flexibility, control, teamwork and legacy. Mr. Menezes gave a detailed analysis of how developing soft skills can help in one's endeavour. He also dug deep into topics such as ways of making oneself as employable as possible, being professional while writing resumes, etc. Mr. Bharadwaj gave the attendees an overview of how sports enthusiasts can start earning and have fun at the same time, and also on the importance of a good mentor. The session enlightened the attendees about the possible avenues of exploration, risktaking, and the soft skills required to start a company.

#### National Youth Festival Climbing Workshop

The event 'National Youth Festival Climbing Workshop' in collaboration with 'Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan' and 'General Thimayya National Academy of Adventure' was held on the 2nd of January 2020. The event was organised to build knowledge of sports and adventure among youth and enhance their sportive spirit. Participants were divided into groups and given training in various aspects: knowledge about the equipment used and their implementation. Training in handling equipment used for rock climbing, trekking, and many other adventurous activities was also given. "Participants were trained in belaying" a technique required for rock climbing. A documentary was screened, and volunteers were briefed about various initiatives of GETHNAA (General Thimayya National Academy of Adventure).

#### **State Level NSS Youth Festival**

The National Service Scheme Organization Gulbarga University, of Kalaburgi organised various state-level competitions for the students belonging to universities across different cities and states to celebrate National Youth Day. From the National Service Scheme Wing-1 of St. Joseph's College, Autonomous, two volunteers participated in the 4-day-long camp held from the 8th of January to the 11th of January 2021. The camp included events like ethnic wear, essay writing, solo dance, group singing, drawing, and guiz. This experience allowed volunteers to socialise and understand the importance of team spirit.

#### Swami Vivekananda Jayanti and National Youth Day

The 'Samartha Bharata' organisation and NSS Unit, Bengaluru City University, organised a National Youth day and Swami Vivekananda Jayanti seminar on the 12th of January 2021, at Bengaluru City University. The chief guest, Mr. Venkatesh Murthy addressed the gathering and narrated the life history of Swami Vivekananda while providing a glimpse into the Chicago meeting. The second guest speaker for the day, Mr. Tippeswamy highlighted the excellent deeds and principles of Swami Vivekananda and enlightened the audience with a guote, "Indhina prajegale naleya bavishya." The seminar helped the volunteers in understanding their roles and duties as citizens of India.

#### **Republic Day Celebrations**

The ceremonial welcome for the Republic Day celebrations was led by the NCC cadets. The Principal inspected the NCC troops whose cadets were in uniform and the NSS volunteers upon his arrival at the venue. A solemn ceremony was held where the Principal conferred ranks on the NCC cadets of 1 Karnataka Armed Squadron and 1 Karnataka Air Squadron. Dr. (Fr.) Victor Lobo S.J. delivered a powerful message bringing to light society's actual reality and encouraging pupils for their dedicated service. The Principal was escorted back to his chamber by the honourary representatives and the volunteers of various associations bringing the formal event to its conclusion. The NCC cadets and the NSS volunteers on special duty were assigned to guard the National Flag. At around 6:00 pm the Protocol Officer lowered the National Flag and handed it over to NCC for safe custody.



**Collage Making** 



The National Service Scheme Wing-1 of St. Joseph's College, Autonomous conducted a Collage-Making competition on the theme 'Patriotism' on the 26th of January 2021, while strictly adhering to the SOP listed by the college. The event aimed to bring out the feeling of patriotism towards the nation in an artistic manner. The competition winners were Sathya S and Manish Sunnur in the first place and Prakruthi GP and Manoj S Javali in second place.

#### Human Rights Disclosure

The webinar on Human Rights Disclosure was conducted on the 30th of January 2020. The speaker for the day was Mr. Henri Tiphagne, Executive Director of People's Watch and the Chairperson of FORUM-ASIA, Bangkok. Mr. Tiphagne stressed the values that Gandhiji stood for and expressed how important it was, especially now, for the nation's people to remember and act on those principles. He talked about the need to uphold the fundamental rights and regulations crucial in expressing political freedom. He then spoke about the problems in an eggshell democracy where fundamental rights are under threat. The webinar successfully allowed volunteers to think over some crucial aspects of freedom, non-violence, and justice.

#### Aero India 2021

This event was conducted from the 1st of February 2021 to the 5th of February 2021. The theme of the 13th edition was Atma Nirbhar Bharat, inspired by the clarion call of Atmanirbharbharat by the Honourable Prime Minister. Binding to this theme, the flying display featured formations showcasing India's cuttingedge technology and capabilities in the aerospace sector. The first two days of the event were preceded by a detailed briefing on the event and the allotment of volunteers to various fields of work. The volunteers were allowed to experience the trial of the Air show and explore the Air Station which hosted an array of aeronautical exhibitions and emporiums.



**World Cancer Day event** 

The event, held from the 4th of February 2021 to the 6th of February 2021, aimed at spreading awareness about cancer and its different types. The volunteers were asked to spread awareness about cancer using creative means like making posters, reaching out to people in old-age homes, orphanages, public parks, etc. This event was crucial in allowing volunteers to gather knowledge about cancer, bust myths about the same, and carry forward the learned facts to friends, family, and other members of the society.

#### Inauguration of NSS Wing-1

The inaugural ceremony of NSS Wing-1 of St. Joseph's College, Autonomous, was conducted on the 13th of February 2021. The eminent speakers of the day were Mr. Sunand Sampath, Professional Trainer (Indian Red Cross Society and Karnataka Civil Defence), and Fr. Dr. Denzil Lobo SJ, IT Director, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru. Mr. Sampath spoke about the importance and benefits of volunteering. He also spoke about civil defence, how volunteers in it strive towards bringing changes in society, and how civil defence is a volunteer-based emergency response organization supporting the frontline emergency services. Rev. Fr. Dr. Denzil Lobo SJ then spoke about the origin of NSS stressing on the motto, 'Not me but you.' The executives of the year 2020-21 were also honoured with their badges by Fr. Dr. Denzil Lobo. The volunteers present in the hall took an oath to fulfil their

duties as NSS volunteers and take on new responsibilities and roles. The event ended with the release of the 2019-20 magazine.

#### **Golden Hour and First aid**

The session held on the 13th of February 2021, focused on the importance of the golden hour following a traumatic injury. The session aimed to impart knowledge about the immediate care that should be provided to a person who is injured or ill until full medical treatment is available in the form of first-aid. The guest speaker for the session was Mr. Sunand Sampath, Professional Trainer (Indian Red Cross Society and Karnataka Civil Defence).



In addition, Mr. Sampath is a Certified Executive and Life Coach, Wilderness First Responder, Transactional Analyser, and experienced in Play for Peace Methodology, Raccoon Circles Methodologies, Advanced Pranic Healing, and Pranic Psychotherapy. He elucidated on the vitality of being alert and looking out for danger, bringing out the different principles of administering basic first-aid like taking immediate action, calming down the situation, and calling for medical assistance. This session was crucial for volunteers in understanding the importance of administering first-aid and increasing the chances of saving people by acting fast in the first 60 minutes of an injury.

### Importance of Democracy and Constitutional Rights

The session was conducted on the 20th of February 2021, and aimed at conveying the meaning and importance of democracy and constitutional rights. The guest speaker for the day, Mr. Najunda Gowda posed a series of questions for attendees to ponder over and provided in-depth insight into the importance that democracy holds in molding people into responsible and sensible citizens. He spoke about the factors that act as hindrances to the constitution - corruption, communalism, and casteism. He then went on to talk about certain barriers which obstruct the smooth functioning of democracy. The session was informative and useful for volunteers as the nation's future leaders in realising their roles in the decision-making process.



#### **Human Rights Discourse**

The session aimed to convey the meaning of National Human Rights Institutions, the framework for evaluating the same, and the challenges in HRI. Held on the 26th of February 2021, on MS teams, the session elaborated the role of civil society in overcoming those challenges. Dr. YSR Murthy, Vice-Chancellor of RV University, Bengaluru, began by elucidating on the several national and state human rights institutions that have been created to protect human rights and investigate human rights violations, such as National Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Women. National Commission for Protection of

Child Rights, National Commission for Minorities, National Commission for Backward Classes, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, and National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. This session was crucial in helping volunteers understand the vitality of the role of civil society as the third sector.

#### **Development and Sustainability Conflict**

The session aimed to enlighten volunteers on sustainable living, intergenerational, intragenerational sustainability, and the obstacles in the process, and the dangers of ignoring such a lifestyle. It was conducted on the 27th of February 2021, on MS Teams with Dr. P U Antony, Retired Professor of Zoology, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru as the guest speaker for the day. Dr. Antony began his talk by stressing the meaning and definition of sustainability as stated by the UN. He further discussed sustainability in the Indian context and the easing of green norms that covered topics like mine development plan supplemented with an afforestation component, incentives for growing forests in private land, reconstitution of National Board for Wildlife, etc. Dr. Antony also talked about the lack of implementation of sustainability at various levels-schools, religions, tourism, social systems, transportation, and the power sector. This webinar equipped volunteers with knowledge on various aspects of sustainability and how development is truly possible only when the long-term effects are kept in mind.



#### **Anti-Plastic Drive**

The Anti-Plastic drive was conducted on the 6th of March 2021, on the Bilikal-Jawalgiri Elephant Corridor. The volunteers were joined by a few members of the A Rocha India team and were briefed about the location and the work by the Forest DRDO Officer of Bilikal and the event coordinator for the day. Volunteers were divided into groups to collect plastic waste. This event was crucial for volunteers in understanding the importance of waste management and forest protection.



#### **Survey of Slum**

This survey was conducted on the 12th of March 2021, at Vincent House, Cooke Town. The volunteers were first briefed about the purpose of the survey by the Program Officer. Next, the founder of JFC, Mr. Umesh, took over the session to explain to the volunteers the problems people faced living in slums, their living conditions, and socio-economic issues. This was followed by Sister Selena's address who gave an overview of her experience with taking care of children who lived in slums.

The volunteers collected data including name, contact details, employment details, schooling for children, tobacco consumption, general problems, hindrances, etc. This event enabled volunteers to understand the ground reality of people living in slum areas through active interaction and observation.

## Personality Development – a spirited journey

Mr. Debabrata Dutta Choudhury, a freelance corporate trainer and life coach, gave a talk on personality development on the 15th of March 15 2021. The session started with Mr. Choudhury talking about his life. He emphasised on the notion of not knowing what to do and being okay with that. He stated that peer pressure, external factors, and the human-made environment that is built around people are factors that push them into thinking that they are compelled to do certain things. This event helped students to learn how to cope with challenges in life.

#### Clean-up and Pilot Project Work

Mr. Mohammed Moeen, an alumnus of the college was the speaker for this event held on the 20th of March 2021. He talk focussed on the hazards of plastic. After the talk, the volunteers were divided into teams and were asked to collect a minimum of ten plastic articles from the college campus to make 3-D models. They were also required to talk about the articles' hazards and suggest alternatives for the same. The session concluded with a promise that each one will reduce the use of plastic in their day-to-day life and convince the people around to do the same.

#### Water Bowls for Animals and Birds

The session on the 27th of March 2021, conducted in Xavier Hall, aimed to throw light on the importance of providing water to birds and animals, especially during the summer season. The chief guest for the day was Mr. Sunny Jain from the organisation Water for Voiceless (WFV). Mr. Sunny shared his story on how WFV took shape as an organisation in 2015 that stemmed from the thought of helping animals. A photography competition was organised that required volunteers to click pictures of birds and animals drinking water from the pots. They were asked to share these videos on social media platforms to spread information about this initiative to encourage more people to do the same.

## Human Rights: Origin, Evolution, and Relevance in the Era of Globalisation

The session on the 31st of March 2021, aimed to examine the role of human rights and their relevance in the era of globalisation. The speaker for the day, Dr. Harsh Dobhal, Professor at Doon University shed light on the meaning of human rights, its origin, and the current stance of the world on human rights. He spoke about the role of human rights activists - how they are viewed and about the stereotypes revolving around them. The session was crucial in enabling volunteers to know about human rights, its origin, how their narrative has evolved, and their importance in the current era of alobalization.

#### **Annual Rural Camp**

The annual rural camp of NSS was conducted from the 10th of April 2021 to the 18th of April 2021, at Hanabe Village, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, Karnataka. The camp aimed at exposing rural lifestyle and inculcating values of discipline and time management among volunteers. It was led by the Programme Officer, Mr. Selwyn Paul J. Volunteers were divided into teams to take up the responsibility of different committees- Mess, Timekeeping, Project, Cultural, Cleaning, Housekeeping and Documentation. The schedule for volunteers to follow included yoga, meditation and exercises, manual work, and other group activities. The cultural programmes that were conducted this year covered themes such as child marriage and child labour, the relevance of digital media in rural India, the importance of Covid vaccination, discrimination based on caste, the life of Dr. B R Ambedkar and many others through skits, street plays, and dance-dramas.

On the last day of the camp, a few campers were appreciated for leaving behind a

#### mark during their tenure as campers:

Best Camper: Pavan Kumar VJ – II BCA Best Team Leader: Sandhya Murthy - I CMS Best Team: Ee Sala Cup Namde Best Entertainer: Leo Samuel Gilbert - I BCA Best Gatekeeper: Alphonsa Paul -I EMS Appreciation awards: Bharath B -II CEB, Pavan Kumar M - III PEM

This rural camp was instrumental in exploring the latent potential among the campers, building leaders, emphasizing the dignity of labor and self-help, and the need for combining physical work with intellectual pursuits.

Human Rights Discourse on Dr. BR Ambedkar and his contributions to Indian society

The session organised on the 31st of April 2021, aimed at bringing awareness about Dr. Ambedkar and his contributions to the Indian society. Mr. Arvind Narain, lawyer, writer, and research scholar at The National Law School of India University, Bengaluru spoke about Dr. B R Ambedkar's ideologies and his campaign against social discrimination towards the Dalits. He also spoke about Article 17 of the Indian constitution-abolition of untouchability. Mr. Narain talked about how Dr. Ambedkar believed that the constitution should not just exist, but should also advocate and that liberty and equality cannot be achieved unless fraternity is taken seriously. The talk concluded by throwing light on Dr Ambedkar's concept of Constitutional Morality. This session was instrumental in conveying some important information about the life, struggles, and ideals of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.

#### Unit 2

#### **Video Making**

his event was organized on the 3rd of July 2020, as an inaugural event. The volunteers had a choice to speak for or against the given topic. Videos of the participants were to be submitted to the committee members before 8 pm on the 6th of July 2020.

A similar event was held on the 2nd of December 2020, and was organized by the General Secretary, Karthikeyan. It was conducted to discuss public interest in educational rights.

On the 3rd of December 2020, on the occasion of World Disability Day coordinator Cavin organized a similar event to create awareness on how disabled people coped with everyday challenges. On the 5th of December 2020, Neha of the media team organized a video making event to create awareness among women of their rights, and how to claim them when needed.

On the 6th of December 2020, General Secretary Shobitha conducted a similar event to recognize the right to information of the public.

Webinar on Social Media as an Instrument The webinar was organized on the 18th of July 2020. The session was hosted by John Isaac (alumni and volunteer) to create awareness about the pros and cons of social media in contemporary times.

#### Webinar on Human Trafficking

This event was conducted on the 30th of July 2020. This was an inter-collegiate event where more than 17 colleges took part. The event was organized to depict how human trafficking was done, what its effects were, and what steps can be taken to prevent this from happening. A video was played depicting the reality of the trafficked victims. The speaker, Ms. Santa Sylvia, shared her own experience of rescuing the victims.

#### Poster Making

This event was organized on the 8th, August 2020. It was conducted to create awareness about certain safety measures to be taken in the pandemic. Volunteers were asked to come up with quotes and hashtags on these measures using posters. Another poster making event was conducted on the 6th, November 2020. The event was organized to create awareness on cancer and how to prevent it. Yet another poster making event was held on the 4th, December 2020, organized by Archana of the documentation team to create awareness about Child Rights.

#### Independence Day

A representative from each of the NSS units was in charge of bringing the flag along with the coordinators from the office to the flag hoist. At 8:45 AM the flag was hoisted. Each representative of an association greeted Fr. Principal and Fr. Rector, who addressed the crowd present. The annual achievements by the students were read out by Prof. Anuplal. According to the protocol from higher authorities, NSS volunteers were in charge of guarding the flag till the flag was lowered. At 6:00 PM the flag was lowered by NCC cadets and moved to a safe place. The entire program was broadcast live through Instagram.

#### **Your Creativity**

This event was organized on the 18th of August 2020. This event was conducted to know how our volunteers spent their time during this pandemic and how well they were feeling in the lockdown. The volunteers had to write down in a paragraph/poem/drawing about their experiences in the lockdown creatively.

#### Webinar on Pornography Addiction

This event was organized on the 20th of August 2020. The session was an interactive one where pornography addiction was discussed--its causes, symptoms and the process of addiction. A documentary related to it was also played.

#### **Orientation for First-Year students**

This event was organized on the 1st of October 2020, to orient the new students about the activities of the NSS. Mr. Prasad, the coordinator, briefed the students about the agenda, goals, motto, and rules of the
NSS. A presentation of the past events was made by Someshekar.

#### **Food for Needy**

This event was organized on the 6th of September, 2020. This event was conducted to encourage volunteers to feed the needy. The food was prepared by the volunteers and given to those in need, especially those affected by the pandemic.



**Caption Making** 

This event was organized on the 13th of September 2020. It was an initiative to bring awareness on the need to conserve nature. Captions were made denoting various ways to protect nature.

#### Webinar on Organ Donation

This event was conducted on the 27th of September 2020, in collaboration with Mohan Foundation. This webinar was conducted to get a brief idea about what organ donation is, and the speaker of the session, Dr. Ranjini, Project Manager, Mohan Foundation, explained the topic "Live Life, Give Life". She spoke about how one can save others by donating organs to those in need. It was an informative and interactive session.

#### Gandhi Jayanthi Day Quiz

This event was conducted on the 2nd of October 2020, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi. 15 questions were sent through a google form and 15 minutes were allotted to finish the quiz. This was done to know how much knowledge people have on the Father of the Nation.

#### **Chart Making**

This event was conducted on the 16th of October 2020. Topics were assigned to volunteers, and they made charts depicting their views on poverty. Another chart making event was conducted on the 30th of October 2020. The volunteers worked on charts centred around bringing awareness on drug abuse.

Another chart making event was held on the 9th of December 2020, organized by documentation head, Sampath. This event was organized to create awareness on the wastage of food and its preventive methods.

#### **Face Painting**



This event was held on the 1st of December 2020, organized by Sneha of the documentation team. This event was held to create awareness about AIDS.

This event was held again on the 7th of December 2020, organized by Cultural Secretary, Pallavi. The volunteers were instructed to do hand paintings, face paintings, or crossdress in order to create awareness on the Rights of Transgenders.

#### Webinar on Dalit Rights

This event was conducted on the 8th of December 2020, organized by outreach head, Abhishek. The speaker of the event was Rev. Immanuel Nehemiah who threw light on the rights of Dalits.

#### **Light a Candle**

This event was held on the 10th of December, 2020, organised by media head, Preranika. To culminate the 'Human Rights Week' volunteers were instructed to light a candle for the awareness of various rights



#### Webinar on Run-through Rights Week

This event was held on the 10th of December 2020. The speaker, Dr. Suresh Kammar, Human Rights defender, explained the different rights for humans.

# Webinar on Cancer Prevention and Healthy Lifestyle

This event was conducted on the 13th of February 2021, in collaboration with Sanjeevani- Life Beyond Cancer. E-Certificates were given to the participants. This was an informative session where the speaker informed students about cancer and its prevention.



Session on Child Abortion and Discrimination

This event was conducted on the 20th of February 2021. This was the first offline event conducted by the unit, in collaboration with various NGOs. A rally was conducted from Holy Trinity Church, where volunteers held placards advocating against abortion and discrimination. All COVID protocols were strictly followed.

#### Webinar on Social Justice

This event was conducted on the 21st of February 2021, in collaboration with Jyothi Nivas College. This was a session on social justice in the Indian context, with regard to society and gender.

#### **Rally for Awareness on Child Rights**

This event was held on the 28th of February 2021. A rally was conducted from War Memorial, Brigade Road where volunteers held placards advocating for the awareness of child rights.



Right to Survival – to life, health, utrition, name, nationality,

Right to Development – to ducation, care, leisure, recreation, ultural activities.

Right to Protection – from xploitation, abuse, neglect.

Right to Participation – to xpression, information, thought, eligion.

#### **Group Activity on Social Causes**

This event was conducted on the 5th of March 2021. Volunteers were divided into groups and assigned a social cause. They were instructed to enact the cause, showing how to overcome the effects of it.

#### **Campus Cleaning**

This event was held on the 7th of March 2021. Volunteers were divided into groups and assigned a specific site to be cleaned. Refreshments were provided at the end of the session.

#### **Session on Self-defence**

This event was held on the 9th of March 2021. Volunteers were taught a few self-defending techniques by the trainees and how to react if any trouble was caused.





he following were the activities conducted by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) for the academic year 2020-2021. A webinar titled "NAAC-Quality Assurance in Higher Education" was organized on 15th of December 2020 under the aegis of UGC Scheme-PARAMARSH.

A workshop on National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) - Strategic Implementation and its Nuances" was organized on 30th of December 2020. A National level 7-Day Online Workshop on "Revised NAAC Norms and Procedures" was organised under the Aegis of the UGC Scheme – PARAMARSH from 7th of January 2021 to 15th of January 2021.

A webinar titled "Effective documentation" and "Auditing (Academic, Administrative and Green Audit)" was organized on 11th of April 2021 under the aegis of UGC Scheme-PARAMARSH.

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) played a major role in submission of an article on "Best Practices of St. Joseph's

College (Autonomous), Bengaluru" to the International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU) in January 2021. The article was selected and published in the first edition of the IAJU Online Quarterly Newsletter that addressed the themes of "Pedagogical Innovation and Ignatian Pedagogy" in May 2021.



#### Participation in NIRF 2021

Participation in India Today Ranking and the college has secured the following at the National Level.



YEAR	Arts	Science	BCA	Commerce	MSW	Mass Communication
2021	16	14	5	44	22	17

# St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru

India Today Best Colleges Ranking 2021

Sr.No.	STREAMS	Within the country	Within Karnataka
1	SCIENCE	14	2
2	ARTS	16	2
3	BCA	5	3
4	SOCIAL WORK	22	6
5	MASSCOMMUNICATION	17	4
6	COMMERCE	44	8

Sr.No.	TOP Ten Emerging Colleges set after 2000 STREAMS	Rank
1	SOCIAL WORK	7
2	MASSCOMMUNICATION	7
2	COMMERCE	7



# The WEEK - HANSA RESEARCH SURVEY 2021

	ALL INDIA LEVEL - THE BEST COLLEGE RANKING				
Sr.No.	STREAMS	Within the country Rank	Within Karnataka Rank		
1	SCIENCE	13	2		
2	ARTS	16	2		
3	MASSCOMMUNICATION	19	3		



The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) also played a pivotal role in submission of nominations for the BEST PRINCIPAL AWARD FOR THE YEAR 2020-21 to All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE). Fr. Dr. Victor Lobo, S.J. was selected as one of the recipients of the Best Principal Award for the year 2020-21 by AIACHE.

# Meetings & other Important Activities

r. Fr. Victor Lobo SJ, Dr. Syed Wajeed and Dr. Alan Godfrey served as speakers in the NAAC Sponsored webinar series titled "Engaging Minds and Hearts - Research, Extension and Education" on the 29th of July 2020.

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organised meetings with the IQAC Core Committee, NIRF Team, Criteria Coordinators and the extended team to ensure smooth functioning of the IQAC activities.

Meeting with class mentors in coordination with Ms. Nisha Menzies Rao was organised on 11th of November 2020 to discuss the various aspects of Student Progression and give clarity about the Student Progression data template towards the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).

Introductory meeting was organised with the Mentee institutions on the 1st of December 2020 to kickstart the PARAMARSH Activities.



# Dr. Syed Wajeed's contribution as a Resource Person:

r. Syed Wajeed served as a resource person for the following events: Speaker at two days State level workshop on NAAC metrics for Quality Assurance organised under the UGC Paramarsh Scheme by Sadaqathulla Appa College, Tirunelveli, Tamilnadu on the 7th of March 2020. The topic was "Institutional Values and Best Practices".

Resource Person for the Five-Day online Faculty Development Program on "NAAC: Revised Accreditation Framework – Issues and Challenges" Organized by IQAC, Sri Krishna Arts and Science College, Coimbatore Under UGC Paramarsh Scheme from 25th to 30th of April 2020.

Resource person for the UGC Sponsored National Webinar Series at St. Teresa's College (Autonomous), Ernakulum: Topic: Criteria V - Student Support and Progression, organised by the IQAC (mentee institution) under the UGC PARAMARSH Scheme on 16th of May 2020. Resource person for the webinar organised by St Paul's College (Autonomous) in association with Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), Bengaluru on 15th of June 2020 – Topic : "Outcome based education: Principles and its Process"

Resource person for two days National level online FDP on Quality Assurance in Higher Education on 19th of June 2020 organised by Annai Hajira Women's College, Melapalayam, Tirunelveli.

Resource person for the webinar organised by BET Sadathunnisa Degree College, Bengaluru on the topic "Ensuring Educational Certainty during Uncertain times" on 4th of July 2020.

Resource person for the webinar "Innovations and Best Practices in Higher Education" organised by Hindustan College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore and MHRD's Institutions Innovation Cell on 16th of July 2020.

"Implementation of OBE to Enhance quality of HEIs" (Phase 1), organised by Sri Ramakrishna College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore on 18th of July 2020. The topic dealt was "Innovations in Classroom teaching and Laboratory work required for OBE".

Resource person for the Webinar on "Best Practices, Engaging Minds and Hearts –Research, Extension and Education", jointly organized by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru on 29th of July 2020.

Panellist for Quality Improvement in Higher Education Post Covid -19 Era organized by Campus Technology on 1st of August 2020.

Resource person for two days National webinar-NAAC Accreditation: Prospects and Retrospect's organized by Thiruvalluvar College Papanasam, Tirunelveli, Tamilnadu on the topic "Best Practices in Higher Education" on 6th of August 2020.

Resource person for Tamil Nadu Teachers Education Society, Chennai, for the National Level E-Faculty Development Programme on Revised NAAC Assessment and Accreditation Framework for Teacher Education Institution organised in collaboration with NSS Training College, Pandalam, Kerala from 19th to 25th of November 2020. Dr Syed Wajeed presented a two-hour lecture on the topic "Curricular Aspects" and provided insights on various key metrics pertaining to the Criterion-Curricular Aspects.

Resource person for the National Level Seven Day Online Symposium on National Assessment and Accreditation Process dated 26th of November 2020, Topic: Criteria 4 – "Infrastructure and Learning Resources" organised by BMS College for Women, Bengaluru.

Resource person for the AICTE sponsored online Short-Term Training Programme "Outcome Based Curriculum Planning, Mapping and Measurement, (Phase 1) organised by School of Management, Sri Krishna College of Technology, and Coimbatore on 1st of December 2020. The topic dealt was "Curricular aspects of Outcome Based Curriculum".

Resource person for the AICTE sponsored online Short-Term Training Programme

"Outcome Based Curriculum Planning, Mapping and Measurement, (Phase 2) organised by School of Management, Sri Krishna College of Technology, Coimbatore on 5th January 2021. The topic dealt was "IQAC quality initiatives and Best practices".

Dr. Syed Wajeed served as a moderator on the 7th day of National level 7-Day Online Workshop on "Revised NAAC Norms and Procedures" organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru under the Aegis of the UGC Scheme – PARAMARSH from 7th to 15th of January 2021.

Resource person for the National level Seminar "Challenges in Revised NAAC Assessment and Accreditation Framework" on 13th of February 2021 sponsored by "The National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bangalore" and organised by Marudhar Kesari Jain College for Women, Vaniyambadi.

Resource person for the National conference "Quality measures to be adopted by HEI'stopic of deliberation was "Approaches to





build teacher profile & enhance quality, organised by Garden City University on 26th of February 2021.

Resource person for the webinar on "Brainstorming on assessment and accreditation framework of NAAC" on 13th of March 2021, sponsored by "The National Assessment and Accreditation Council, on Bangalore" organised by Padmashree Institute of Management and Sciences, Bengaluru.

Resource person at The Oxford College of Business Management, Bengaluru to the Virtual Faculty Development Programme on "Revised NAAC Framework" from 29th of March to 3rd of April 2021. Dr Syed Wajeed presented his deliberation on Criterion – III: Research, Innovations and Extension and Criterion – IV: Infrastructure and Learning Resources of the NAAC Assessment procedures.

Resource person for a talk on "Electivesa Learner Centric Approach towards Curriculum Development in Autonomous Institution of Higher Learning", on 23rd of April 2021 via Google meet organised by Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College for Women, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.

Resource person for a 4-day National Level Faculty Development Webinar on "Revised NAAC Accreditation Framework Perceptions" from 12th to 15th of May 2021 organised by the Department of Computer Science, G.T.N. Arts College (Autonomous), Dindigul, Tamilnadu.

Resource person for National Level Webinar organised by St. Joseph's First Grade College, Hunsur on 17th of June 2021.

Resource person for UBCHEA Sponsored Three Day Workshop on Academic and Administrative Auditing in Pursuit of Excellence in Higher Education organised by Bishop Heber College (Autonomous), Trichy on 25th of June 2021. Resource person for a webinar on "Outcome Based Education" dated 31st of July 2021 organised by Marudhar Kesari Jain College for Women, Vaniyambadi

He was a member Coordinator of Academic and Administrative Committee of National College (Autonomous), Jayanagar, Bangalore on 11th of August 2021.

Resource person for the National Webinar on "Learning Outcomes-Based Curriculum Framework (LOCF)" organised by Muthurangam Govt. Arts College (A), Vellore-02, Tamil Nadu on 14th of August 2021.

# JOSEPHITE RESEARCH FORUM

he Josephite Research Forum held its inaugural meeting on the 2nd of September 2020. First year students were welcomed to the research forum on this day. The guest speakers were Nithin K.V., from the PCM class of 2014-17, and Yashita Girhotra from CBBT class of 2015-18, both of them JRF alumni, talked about their experiences of being part of the forum. Teresa Fernandez and Sreya Mandal, of III CZBT and Hariharan S and Anandhu UK of III PCM class shared their research work that they presented at the Azim Premji University's Student Undergraduate Research Conference.

This year, they had student talks by Niharika Sharma and Neha Jain of I BBA on 'The Financial impact of COVID-19 pandemic in the manufacturing sector of India', Harshita Tater and Srushti R. of I BBZ about 'Neural disorders and nerve regeneration', Nikitha D. of II CZBT on 'Space Biology', and Aryaman Sharma of I EMS about the 'Cardinal Approach to Infinity',

With an abundance of high-quality online talks and webinars available, the Forum decided to focus on having conversations around what research means and to give undergraduate students a better understanding of some of the nuances of conducting research. The JRF held a workshop on 'The How of Research' for undergraduate students. As prelude to the workshop a comprehensive and insightful talk was conducted on 'Navigating the maze of research articles' by Dr. Saurabh Mahajan of Atria University. Sneha Hariharan of II PCM also gave a very thorough talk on 'How to use Mendeley for Reference Management'.

'The How of Research' workshop which was held for 8 weeks saw participation of 71 students in 24 teams. 13 faculty members from across different departments participated as supervisors and guided students as they converted a research idea into a doable research proposal. Supervisors met with the students regularly and had discussions and presentations as they learnt how to collate, read and understand research articles, write a review of literature, plan experiments and think about budget and a plan B. Twenty-four teams submitted research proposals, which were then evaluated and scored by internal/external evaluators. The following are the research proposals submitted by various student teams reflecting a wide variety of interests across many disciplines.



#	Team Members	Title of Research Proposal	Supervisor/s	External Evalu- ator
1	S R Tarun(18PEM22068), Chaitanya Sampara(18PEM22062)	The influence of environmental factors on the onset of the bipolar disorder.	Dr. Sandra Misquith, Dr. Susan Mary Philip	Dr. Putul Banerjee
2	Shreeja R (19CBT36042), Sona Saju(19CBT36045), Pooja Raju Ganvir (19CBT36048)	The influence of environmental factors on the onset of the bipolar disorder.	Dr. Sandra Misquith, Dr. Susan Mary Philip	Dr. Putul Banerjee
3	Ramya Rajendran(17CBZ31047), Madhumita B A(18CBZ31001), Asha Lakshmana (18CBZ31022)	Electrochemical sensors for heavy metal detection in drinking water	Dr. Ozma Jane D'Souza	Dr. Anchal Singhal
4	Moumita Mandal (20CBT01), Vishesh Asnani (20CBT06), Ryan Pathak (20CBT15), Siddarth John (20CBT30)	Bioluminescent Glow Sticks using Quorum Sensing of Aliivibrio fischeri	Dr. Susan Mary Philip and Dr. Sandra Misquith	Dr. Santosh Jagadeeshan
5	Dirghayu Joshi (20BCAA69) Trevis Chang Fei Liu (20BCAA19)	Creativity in the field of AI	Ms. Aparna MC	Bojamma A M
6	Shashank A (20PCM33), Manav Madan Rawal (20PCM53), Balayogan S (20PCM07)	Reduction of time complexity in linear and multilinear games	Ms. Aparna M C	Bojamma A M
7	Ajith Kumar K (19CBT36027), Lakshmikanth M (19CBT36047), Samanvitha K N (19CZBT37051), Tejas V (19CBT36031) Targeted therapeutic action against mutated Ras oncogene in human colorectal cancer Dr. Santhosh Jagadeeshan Dr. Nirmalya Basu	Targeted therapeutic action against mutated Ras oncogene in human colorectal cancer	Dr. Santhosh Jagadeeshan	Dr. Nirmalya Basu
8	Shan Ahmed- 19EJP15009, Ancy Wilson- 15047, Chelsea Jaison- 19EJP15044	Impact of parental stress levels on parent-adolescent relationship	Ms. Nisha Menzies Rao	Ami Joshi
9	Ashitha B A (19CBZ31034), Nagapriya K A (19CBZ31029), Aishwarya D R (19CBZ31037), Sathvik G (19CBZ31038)	Study of the synergistic antibacterial interaction between flavonoids extracted from Punica granatum and antibiotics against multidrug-resistant Klebsiella pneumoniae	Dr. Susan Mary Philip and Dr. Sandra Misquith	Dr. Reeteka Sud, NIMHANS

10	Medha M Savkur (18MCB34009) Trusha S Maakam (19MCB34005) Raicha Punnamattam (19MCB34010) Apeksha V (19MCB34024)	Evaluating antibacterial properties of honey pro- duced by different bee species	Dr. Santosh Jagadeeshan	Dr. Sandra Mis- quith
11	Nikhitha D (19CZBT37043), Ganesh Desai (19CBT36059)	Protein interaction networks to understand mitochondrial dys- function in Alzheimer's disease.	Dr. Sandra Mis- quith, Dr. Susan Mary Philip.	Dr. Santosh Jagadeeshan
12	LIKHITH.J(20PCM28)	Green synthesis of functional aldehydes and their applica-tions.	Dr. Anchal Sin- ghal	Dr. Ozma Jane D'Souza
13	Prithvin Aman Bhasker, 20CZBT33. Dharshana Guru Raghaven- dran, 20CZBT48.	Study of micro-organisms and sequencing of genes relating to Crohn's disease.	Dr. Putul Baner- jee	Dr. Santosh Jagadeeshan
14	Akilakarani 20CZBT10 Vidyashree s 20CZBT20 Vidhyulekha 20CZBT01 Monisha 20CZBT21	Effects of pollutants on de- velopment of gonads using zebrafish as model	Dr Putul Baner- jee	Dr. Susan Mary Philip
15	Sheetal Kooduvalli - 19CZBT37014 S Sneha Keren - 19CZBT37010 Melita Pearl Cardoza - 19CZBT37027	Development of pancreatic-be- ta cells	Dr. Putul Baner- jee	Dr. Sandra Mis- quith
16	Aditi Chawla (19EJP15035) Adithi SS (19EJP15020)	The Nature of the Relationship between Intelligence and Prejudice	Ms. Nisha Men- zies Rao	Ms. Ami Joshi
17	Ajay Vikram (19CEZ33035) Keerthana G (19CBZ31033)	Genetic Modification of Arthro- bacter as a potential bio-con- trol agent against the Desert Locust.	Dr. Nirmalya Basu	Dr. Susan Mary Philip
18	Anusha Kulkarni (20EMS15), Garvika Singh Rajawat (20EMS31), Gretel Anusha D'Souza (20EMS35), Ananya Banerjee (20EMS66)	Fiscal and Monetary policies adopted by India and the world to tackle Covid-19 - A comparative analysis	Dr. Tulika Bhat- tacharya	Dr. Padmaja Pan- charatnam
19	R Rohan Chakravarthy (18PEM22007), Amith S Gowtham (18PEM22019), Areta Benjamin (18PEM22035)	Modelling of Human Locomo- tion	Mr. Susobhan Mazumdar	Dr. Raisa D'souza

20	Aryaman Sharma (20EMS16) , NagaYasaswini (20EMS38), Anushka Sarkar (20EMS07) , Mohan Raju (19EMS25064)	Brocard's Conjecture	Mr. Susobhan Mazumdar	Dr.Suhas B N
21	Tina Dokaniya(20EMS29), Kesar Kohli(20EMS43), Khushi Shah(20EMS45), Ananya Srini- vasan(20EMS56)	Studying the trends of e-com- merce and consumer be- haviour during the pandemic in Urban India.	Dr. Tulika Bhat- tacharya	Dr. Padmaja Pan- charatnam
22	Bhuvan Kashyap - 20EMS20 Adithya Prakash - 20EMS23	Blockchain and Rural India	Dr. Tulika Bhat- tacharya	Dr. Padmaja Pan- charatnam
23	Prakruthi M - 19PCM21058 , Vishaak K B - 19PCM21054 , Aditi Udupa - 19PCM21006	Reducing toxicity of Nanopar- ticles for better and safe Brain imaging	Dr. Vignesh G	Dr. Lora Goveas
24	Disha shankara (20PCM05) Juanita Earlyn Andrew (20PCM31) Aishwarya G (20PCM54)	Magnetic effects on Habitabili- ty of red dwarf	Dr. Rabbi Akkiba	Dr. Lora Goveas

Student presentations on the forum will commence shortly and deserving proposals will be funded through the DBT Star College Scheme at St. Joseph's College.

Dr. Susan Mary Philip continued as the coordinator of the Josephite Research Forum, and also coordinated a series of Science Setu lectures, a DBT initiative to address the problem of paucity of teaching resources in higher education leading to a lack of connectivity between academic scholarship and teaching. The programme provides scope for the scientists in a number of DBT Autonomous Institutions across the country to take up systematic teaching commitments at the undergraduate level. The Science Setu lectures were organised in collaboration with the Institute of Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (InStem), Bangalore and the talks were scheduled for Saturdays. The series of talks started on the 3rd of April 2021, and is ongoing, and has covered a wide variety of topics delivered by senior research scientists at InStem and other premier Institutes like NCBS, NIMHANS etc. Talks have covered topics like Origin and evolution of cancer, Skeletal Muscle-Life's Movers & Shakers, How does the skin

heal wounds?, Junk to jewels: The story of dark matter of the genome, Exploring the Brain: Its birth and function, The Biology of Mental Illness etc. All talks have seen active participation of members of the Josephite Research Forum.



# PLACEMENT REPORT

# MINDLER: International Certified Career Coach – Foundation Program

Placement Office he hosted a 2-day online workshop on the 1st and 2nd of May 2020. MINDLER: International Certified Career Coach – Foundation Program was a 2-day intensive workshop aimed to help understand the education and career ecosystem, and change the face of careers in the 21st century. It also aimed to help understand the Indian career landscape, education abroad with an extensive discussion about enhancing counselling skills, creating a career counselling ecosystem in universities, understanding global competencies and helping skills, psychometric testing in India, and effective career guidance and its tools, techniques, and challenges. Two of its main focuses were understanding the Mindler Ecosystem and access to techenabled career guidance.

#### Webinar on 'Understanding Purpose of Life: Reflecting on Mental Health, Jobs and the Uncertain Future.'

The Placement Office with Team Alpha International and Fort Hays State University, USA, hosted an international webinar on the 19th of July 2020. The first speaker at 'Understanding Purpose of Life: Reflecting on Mental Health, Jobs and the Uncertain Future' was Ms. Alphona Mathai from IBM. She spoke about the current situation in the job market and the need for students to develop multiple skills in order to meet the requirements in the demanding job sector.

Ms. Anu Hasan an actor and Ms. Aarthi a motivational speaker spoke about mental health and the challenges of maintaining a healthy state of mind. They also spoke about methods that help to overcome issues in a more positive and holistic manner.



Ms. Karen M from Fort Hays State University gave students a good perspective on success and perseverance in the job market. She gave students an in-depth understanding of preparing a resume, facing interviews, presenting oneself to a prospective employer, education abroad, and preparation for competitive exams for the same.

#### Webinar on 'Career Dynamism and Aspiration Management' and 'Interview Etiquettes and Resume Building'

The Placement Office in association with Cognizant, hosted a webinar on the 31st of July 2020. The webinar concentrated on 'Career Dynamism and Aspiration Management' and 'Interview Etiquettes and Resume Building' for graduates. The speakers were Mr. Tarun Patnaik, Campus Ambassador for St Joseph's College, and Ms. Arokia Mary, Associate Manager, Cognizant, Bangalore. The webinar, aimed at helping to present a strong foot in their respective careers, was attended by 500 final-year students from different departments and streams.

#### Webinar on 'Coding and Web Technologies

The Placement Office with Cognizant hosted a webinar on 'Coding and Web

Technologies' on the 27th of August 2020, for 275 students. The speaker was Mr. Ramkumar Arumugam, Delivery Lead, ADM- Cognizant.

Webinar on 'Modern Enterprise Data Lake and Data Governance on AWS'

The Placement Office with Cognizant hosted a webinar on 'Modern Enterprise Data Lake and Data Governance on AWS' on the 29th of August 2020 for 12 members from the faculty. The speaker was Mr. Prashant Dahalkar, Principal Architect, CDB- AIA, Cognizant.

# Webinar on 'Emerging Technologies in 2020'

The Placement Office with Cognizant hosted a webinar on 'Emerging Technologies in 2020' on the 18th of September 2020, for 572 final year students from various departments of the college. The speaker was Mr. Tarun Patnaik, AVP, Cognizant, and Campus Ambassador for St. Joseph's College.

# **Open Heart 2021**

The Public Relations Office hosted the third edition of Open Heart on the 21st of March 2021 in the college auditorium. Open Heart is the PR event of the college and this year the event hosted three popular Bangaloreans as quest speakers. Shri. Narayan Murthy, founder and Chairman of Infosys was the speaker for the first session. He spoke about hard work and commitment: he stressed that students need to have goals and must work towards them. He continued to speak about Social commitment to the country and the community we all live in. Mr. Murthy spoke about how he started Infosys with Rs. 10,000 and the challenges he faced, but never gave up on achieving

what he wanted to in life. He spoke about his childhood days and how difficult it was for him and the family. The session was very inspiring and a special word of thanks to Dr. Cheriyan Alexander for moderating the session.

The speaker for the session was Shri. Krishna Byre Gowda, an Indian politician who was the Minister of Rural Development, Law and Parliamentary Affairs in the cabinet of H D Kumaraswamy, and Member of Legislative Assembly of the Byatarayanapura Constituency, in office since June 2008. This session was moderated by Prof. Anuplal Gopalan. Speaker for the third session was Ms. Deepika Das, an Indian actress who

Deepika Das, an Indian actress who primarily works in Kannada and Telugu film industry. Dr. Joyce Dsouza moderated the session. Ms. Deepika's message to students of the college was to work hard in any task one takes up and give it your best and you will experience great success. She spoke about her role in movies and acting and said that she works hard in any project given.

### **Corporate Genesis 2021**

The PR and Placement Office of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bangalore hosted its fourth Annual Edition of Corporate Genesis on 27th of March 2021. 'Corporate Genesis- the Renaissance' is a platform that focuses on setting an Entrepreneurial culture to uplift students with an entrepreneurial mindset and to propel them to start their own business ventures. The event also aims to bring much needed clarity on how organisations and people in leadership positions must function to manage their workforce.

The inauguration was held on 27th of March 2021 in the College Auditorium. Mr. Mohansas Pai, Chairman Manipal Global Education was the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker. The Guest of Honor was Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Chairman, Biocon, India who joined us online, and Mr. Nikhil Bhat, VP, Research and Development, Nokia. The inauguration was graced by the presence of Fr. Swebert D'Silva SJ (Rector), Dr. Victor Lobo SJ (Principal), Fr. Denzil Lobo SJ (IT Director), Dr. Melwin Colaco (Registrar) and the Staff Coordinator/PRO Prof. Kiran Jeevan

Mr. Mohandas Pai gave a very eloquent presentation on the topic 'Go Digital or Go Bust - Technology For Business Resilience'. He gave an elaborate and scientific presentation on the topic throwing light on the future of digitalization and the need to adapt.

Dr. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw who joined us online wished the event a great success and also stressed on the need to constantly innovate and adapt to the changing times. Our other speakers included, Mr. Sudheer Noohu, CTO & Deputy CEO, Ceridian Inc. Mr Rajeev Mathew, Head of Starts-up & Corporate Innovation, Oracle India, Mr Nikhil Bhatt, Vice President - R&D, Nokia, Ms. Sharanya Mahesh – Workshop From the University of Birmingham and Dr. Arathi Venkatesh, Associate Professor of Psychology, Christ (Deemed to be University).

Mr. Nikhil Bhatt (Vice President - R&D, Nokia) spoke on the topic 'Insights into the Telecom Industry'. He also spoke about his own life and the transition that he has seen in the industry and what the future holds for us.

Mr. Sudheer Noohu, CTO & Deputy CEO, Ceridian Inc spoke on the topic ' Future of Work', giving an in-depth analysis of Social Networks 10 years ago and today and what we can expect in the future. He also addressed how the workforce will be forced to adapt to new working styles with technology. Mr Rajeev Mathew, Head of Starts-up & Corporate Innovation, Oracle India, addressed the student community on 'Entrepreneurship in India'. He spoke about the changing India and the need to innovate.

Ms. Sharanya Mahesh of the London School of Economics and current Fellow at University of Birmingham conducted a session on Leadership and Dr. Arathi Venkatesh, Associate Professor of Psychology, Christ (Deemed to be University) also addressed the participants on 'Need for Psychologist in India'.

The PR and Placement Office conducted this event in collaboration with the Western Music Association, NSS Unit 2, The College Choir and the III BSW Fashion Team.

### **Placement Award**

For the second time in a row, the Placement Office of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bangalore was voted (by the student's of final year) as the Best Placement Cell Award (2nd Place) under the Category of providing effective services for Career Enhancement, Training, Counseling, the award is for the dedication of the Placement Cell in helping students reach their potential and boost their career. As a benefit of this award all students of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) will have first access to all job postings from CPCN – Comunev, in addition to other benefits.





Philatelists And Numismatists Association (PANA)

# **National Webinar**

n July 3, 2020, PANA, in collaboration with the Centre of Indian Numismatic Studies and the Department of History conducted a national webinar on 'Assimilation and Assertion- A Numismatic Narrative of Foreign Rulers In India'. Around 700 people attended the event. Well known Indian Numismatists. S and Numismatic Historians, Mr. Purnanand Balasubramanya Sanket and Mr. Mohit Kapoor were the resource persons for the event. Another leading Bengaluru based Numismatist Mr. Gautam Jantakal was the moderator.

### **Staff Achievement:**

n the 2nd of October 2020, Mr. G.Anuplal, Associate Professor in Industrial Relations and In charge President of Philatelists And Numismatists Association (PANA), was awarded Certificate of appreciation for participation in the National Online Philatelic and Numismatic Exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi, under the 'Gandhiphily Literature' category, organised by The Cannanore Philatelic Club, Kerala.

Mr. Anuplal displayed his publications (10 Articles and short write ups in English and Kannada published in various magazines and newspapers) on Mahatma Gandhi in Philately. This was the only entry under The Philatelic Literature Category.

# Online Philatelic And Numismatic Exhibitions

o mark the 151st Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a week-long online exhibition of Philatelic and Numismatic materials on the Father of the Nation was held from the 2nd of October 2020. Over 150 postage stamps, postal stationery, coins, currency notes and Philatelic literature on Mahatma Gandhi, from the personal collections of Staff & student members and honorary members, were displayed on PANA Official and PANA General WhatsApp groups.

Due to the absence of regular offline classes, it was decided to have a miniversion of the annual exhibition-PANEX, online. On the 13th of October 2021, Dr. Berin Lukas, the founding member of PANA and former faculty member inaugurated the first ever three-day online Philatelic and Numismatic Exhibition. Apart from student members, few faculty members took part in the online exhibition.

To mark the 125th anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, online study classes and posting of exhibits of philatelic and numismatic materials on the Revolutionary, was organized in the month of January 2021. PANA also ensured the availability of all the new commemorative special postal covers and the commemorative postage stamp & postal stationery on the Revolutionary, for the members interested in the theme.

Online exhibition of various postage stamps and philatelic materials on war against the covid-19 pandemic was another unique activity organized by PANA during March-May 2021.

Online study classes on philately and numismatics took place every week during these months.

Updating of stocks of Indian philatelic and numismatic items was ensured, with the assistance of the Philatelic Bureau of Bangalore G.P.O.



# WACC

# Neerathon 2021

he 4th edition of Neerathon, a run for water c o n s e r v a t i o n hosted by the Wildlife Awareness Conservation Club (WACC) had over 1500 participants who ran 2 km and 5 km variants of the marathon. The runs were inaugurated by Shri C.P Yogeeshwara, Minister of Tourism and Minister of Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka.

The run was flagged off by the Chief Guest, Mr. Yogeeshwara at 7:00 a.m. Medals and certificates were given out to the participants after completion of the run. A majority of the students running were students of St. Joseph's College and from other colleges and clubs in the city. A cash prize of five thousand rupees and two thousand rupees was given to the winner of the 5K and 2K run, respectively.

N i n e y e a r - o l d Daiwik was placed among the top 10 in the 2 km run for water conservation; his duration of completion stood at 7 minutes 51 seconds. Jennisha, a five-and-a-half-year-old took part in the Neerathon, this was her 19th marathon. The event has become a brand in the city of Bangalore, and for 4 years the college has been creating awareness in the city on saving water.





he Josephite Choir is one of the oldest associations at St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) and is proud to be graded as the first, among the student conducted choirs in the city.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Josephite Choir came up with a new way of conducting events in the year 2020-2021. Mr. Jude Samuels of III B. Com and Ms. Nicole Cherian of III BSW were appointed the student conductors for the academic year. Although everything had to be done online, the Choir saw a tremendous response for its virtual auditions. The auditions went on for over a week and

finally about 130 students were selected to join the Josephite Choir. At present the choir consists of about 150+ students coming from different parts of the country.

As the situation didn't allow the students to gather together, the Josephite Choir came up with its first ever virtual song- "I will Sing" by Don Moen. Holding on to the motto of the Choir, 'Singing for the greater glory of God', the Josephite Choir performed this song with the message that even when all things fall apart, we will continue to hold on to God.

The choir participated in various events held online during the Christmas season like Basel Mission, News Karnataka; in which the Choir won the second place and a cash prize of Rs. 6000. The Choir also participated in a few TV channels namely Goodness TV and Salvation TV. Apart from these outdoor events, the Choir has sung in various events held in college such as the inaugural of the Admin Block, Investiture Ceremony, Mass, Open Heart, Prathibha, National conferences conducted by various departments and so on.

The Josephite Choir, under the able leadership and guidance of the staff coordinators Ms. Joy Keren S and Mr. Leonard Winston Aiman and their student conductors, faced all the challenges caused by the pandemic and had a successful academic year 2020-2021.



# KALAH

# Inauguration of 'Kalah'

he Indian Music Association 'Kalah' was introduced to the newly admitted students during the online orientation in August 2020. The association received more than 60 recordings from enthusiastic vocalists and instrumentalists as part of the audition process.

The staff and student coordinators were involved in the auditioning and shortlisting of

new members. A meeting of the 2019-2020 members of Kalah was held on the 4th of September 2020 to finalise the new members of the association and to discuss the inauguration of Kalah for the year 2020-2021. The inauguration took place on MS teams on the 15th of September 2020. The program started with an invocation by Sumukha. Apeksha (Vocal), Sahil Das (Tabla), Srividya (Veena) and Lorraine (Keyboard) gave solo performances.

A video compiled with the achievements of Kalah was screened at the event. It was also decided that a new music video would be released in the first week of October 2020. The newly elected members include Aditya Rao, Varsha Ravi, Apeksha, Aarya Ganesh and Preksha for vocal, Srividya for veena, Lorraine for keyboard, Sahil Das for tabla, Kevin Sabu for bass guitar, Rohan Varma for acoustic guitar and Pranav Harihar and Shreyas for drums.

# **Raaga and Sargam**

Prelims of interclass solo singing 'Raaga' was held on the 2nd of March 2021, and duet singing 'Sargam' on the 3rd of March 2021. Dr. Shobha SV and Dr. Nalini Sundaram, the staff coordinators, were the judges.

Finals of Raaga and Sargam were held offline in Aloysius hall on the 12th of March. Mr. Skanda Shankar and Mr. Sachin Prakash were the judges.

# Lavya: The Intercollegiate Fest

entre for Management Studies, JGI, organised 'Lasya' - the intercollegiate fest on the 19th of March 2021, at MLR convention centre, JP Nagar.

KALAH won 3rd place in the 'Eastern Group Acoustic' event. Kalah competed against various other talented bands from multiple colleges. Members of Kalah that participated in the event were Sumukha R Bharadwaj, Sanjana S, Amogha H, Vishnu Dixit, Preksha Bharadwaj, Sathvik, Martin, Lorraine Rithika, and Rohan Verma.



# WESTERN MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Western he Music Association (WMA) is an association for budding musicians and artists, music lovers who strive to promote music culture across campus and all fronts. The Teacher Coordinator for the association is Prof. Neeta Pereira (Head, Dept. of Psychology). The Office Bearers for the year 2020-21 were - Kevin Noel Sequeira as President, Jyothi Bendala as Vice-president, Nabeen Bhusal as General Secretary, Jennifer Mary Jason as Treasurer, David Rosario as Vocalist Division Head, Aadhithya KR as Instrumental and Music Production Division Head, and Walter Anthony as Rap and Beatbox Collective Division Head.

The objective of the association is to create a platform to support our local artists & spread music awareness across campus. Our Association encourages budding Josephites to foster artistic integrity through various divisions- Acapella, Acoustics, Rap & Beatbox Collective, instrumentals, music production & Western band. We strive to spread awareness about the foundations of music through online campaigns and events such as 'The Artist's Corner' (for talented Artists on campus) and 'Music Speaks' (for students to express their love for music). Our activities include webinars, 'We-Jam' (platform for all artists and musicians to share what they love) and other events where our artists showcase their talent. Any student with a keen interest in music is welcome to join us.

#### **Events**

#### Inter-collegiate: Mount Carmel College Fest: CUL-AH

he Western Music Association took part in Mount Carmel College's annual cultural fest: Cul-ah held on March 10, 2021. The team was placed 2nd in the overall Western Acoustics competition and took part in all three categories, that is, solo, duet and group performance. This fest was the first offline



event for the Association for the academic year 2020-2021.

### Lasya: Jain University

he Western Music Association participated in the 'Tropical Symphony' (Western Acoustics) event and the 'Pitch Perfect' event as a part of the intercollegiate fest, "Lasya", hosted by Jain University, which took place on March 19, 2021. The team was placed first in the event, receiving various prizes, and second in another program that required them to perform songs from different genres on the spot. A member from the Association, Anushka S. also took part in the Western Singing (Solo) event that was held online and was placed second.

### **InBloom-**Christ University

he Western Music Association, participated in Christ University's International-Level Cultural Fest-InBloom, which was held online from 8th to the 11th of April, 2021 winning the first in the western acapella event. They also received the titles of "Best Original Composition" written by Kevin Noel Sequeira (President) and Sofia S and "Best Beatboxer" achieved by Kevin Noel Sequeira.

#### **Intra-Collegiate:**

#### Music Community and Auditions for the Association

hile the first round of auditions was viewed through recorded videos from September 10, 2020, the WMA also held registrations for their first-ever Music Community. In this community, all music-loving Josephites, regardless of their musical capabilities, were allowed to join and be part of the same and be one with the association. After the decisions were finalized, the second round of live auditions was held from September 14th to the 16th.

### WMA Inauguration (2020)

The inauguration ceremony of The Western Music Association was held on Monday, October 5, 2020. The event was held online through YouTube Livestream and led by Jyothi Bendala and Nabeen Bhusal. There were a variety of performances like singing, original compositions, beatboxing and a musically produced track all performed by members of the Association. The audience was given a sneak-peak to upcoming workshops, campaigns and the Rap & Beatbox Collective's upcoming Mental Health Cypher. team. This breakdown of sorts consisted of a few words about the team's journey with music and their respective courses at St. Joseph's. After which the heads of every division in the Association discussed the agenda for the year, their expectations from the new team and a few words of advice.

# Open Mic (For Performers Across College)

The Open Mic event was held on October 21, 2020, through a YouTube live stream, where 25 individuals registered for the virtual event making it open to all talents of music, regardless of their background in the field. A wide range of performances was showcased such as singing, guitar-playing, drumming and rapping.

#### **Mixers**

#### **Music Community Mixer**

he Western Music Association (WMA) of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), held a yearly mixer for their first-of-its-kind Music Community which was conducted by Jyothi Bendala (Vice President), who focused on interacting with the members within the community. The community shared their insights on music along with their favorite genres of music. After this, the members were asked to put forth any suggestions or feedback for the Association in terms of musical content and content for the page.

### The Artists/Musicians Mixer

he much-awaited mixer of the Western Music Association took place on Saturday, October 17, 2020, with all the current members and freshers of the Association. The meeting began with the introduction of the current

# E-cell - Corporate Genesis: Renaissance Launch

he Western Music Association (WMA) performed live at the Entrepreneurship Cell's (E-Cell) launch program of Corporate Genesis: Renaissance, held on February 18, 2021. This live performance was made possible under the guidance of the Association's president, Kevin Noel Sequeira who led the team and performed songs that were an absolute crowd puller. There were also few fillers that were performed during the event.

# Corporate Genesis: Renaissance

he Western Music Association (WMA) performed in yet another program conducted by the E-cell called, "Corporate Genesis: Renaissance," held on the 27th of March, 2021, where members from the Association showcased an astounding performance by displaying two medleys during the program formed of both our senior team and the new members of the Association.

# Prathibha 2021

#### **Prathibha: Inauguration**

The Student Council of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) organized the college's annual interclass cultural festival, Prathibha: Epoch of the Dauntless, during March. The inauguration ceremony was held on March 1, 2021, for which the Western Music Association was invited to perform. The team performed an acoustic cover of "New Invention" by I Don't Know How But They Found Me.

#### **Prathibha: Events**

The Western Music Association took responsibility to host events under the annual fest of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous). These events included Western Singing (Solo), Rap Battle and Beatbox Battle. Each event was conducted by the Association's very own members from the 9th to the 19th of March, 2021 with over 45 participants for the Western Singing (Solo) competition and over 10 participants for the Rap and Beatboxing events. The events were conducted on Microsoft Teams while the Beatbox Battle was conducted offline, on campus grounds.

After two rounds of competing under the Western Singing (Solo), Prajanya Thapa took 1st place with Sofia S. taking 2nd place and Soundreya MS bagging 3rd place. In the inter-class Beatbox Battle, Kevin Noel Sequeira took 1st place with Adeeb Aamir and Tarun K being 1st and 2nd runner up, respectively. Meanwhile, Nawang came in 1st place under the Rap Battle while Shashwath Gupta bagged 2nd place and Shamit Shankara placed 3rd.

The certificates of all these winners were later on collected by the event heads during the Valedictory ceremony that was held on March 31, 2021.

# Lip Sync Battle

he Lip Sync Battle organized by the Western Music Association on April 28, 2021, held on Google Meet and was open to all artists, musicians, and music enthusiasts. It was hosted and led by Sofia S, a vocalist from the team. There were 4 participants in total and each of them put up a wonderful performance ranging from Adele's Rolling in the Deep to Indo-Western mash-ups. The first place went to Alona Saji from the 1st year, second place went to Tessa Thomas from the 1st year and the last place went to Srushti R from the 1st year. A special mention was also made to Ritu Maria for her performance. The winners were also asked to send a short 30-seconds video of them performing a song of their choice to be featured on the Association's Instagram page.

# **Projects:**

#### 1st ever Beatbox Cypher in St. Joseph's College

he Beatboxers of the association came together for a first-of-its-kind Beatbox Cypher. With their varied technical & musical styled routines, the group innovated with stylistic elements and sounds within traditional songs and instrumental music. This event has set a high benchmark for all the upcoming events and the college's Beatboxing culture.

### World Music Day

orld Music Day was celebrated association bv the to commemorate and celebrate the greatness of the culture and art form that music has become today. The WMA released three appreciation posters (mood boards), on June 21, 2020, about some of the greatest artists of the '70s as well as the 2010s. They celebrated musicians and artists across genres such as Jazz, Rock, Pop, Indie and Metal who created a legacy for themselves and for other budding artists.

# Tac (The Artist's Corner)-Platform For Young Artists And Musicians

n June 7th, 2020, the Western Music Association released a oneof-a-kind initiative called, "The Artist's Corner." This platform spread across two segments showcased stories of the journeys of budding, talented artists and musicians of the college and shared videos of performances, to give all students of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) an opportunity to display their musical talent on the WMA's Instagram page.



# Teacher's Day Celebration with the WMA

The WMA created an appreciation post and original composition for Teacher's Day, on September 5, 2020. Additionally, the newly-created Acoustics team composed a heartfelt song called, "Guidance," written by Trina Dutt, III BVC and performed by the team- Vocals by Trina Dutt and Marea, Beatbox and message by Kevin Noel Sequeira, Guitar and Keys by Kenneth Moses and Aadhithya KR respectively, to let every teacher know that their students appreciated them to the fullest. This received the most love and appreciation from the teachers across the college.

# Rap Cypher- World Mental Health Day

orld Mental Health Day is celebrated every year on October 10 to create awareness about mental health topics that make people uncomfortable and to remove the stigma around it. It is an important day as it helps people become selfaware; and to kick-start this conversation among young people. The members of WMA prepared a perfect mix of audio and visuals to represent how important it is to talk about mental health in today's life. The cypher's 100% vocal track (curated without instruments) was created by Kevin Noel Sequeira, featuring Namith NP and Walter Anthony as the main rappers. The visuals were presented by Marea Thomas, Nabeen Bhusal, Anya Menon, David Rosario and Roshan Pinto.

# Music Speaks (#MusicSpeaks)

n July 21, 2020, the Western Music Association launched a project for all music lovers called, "Music Speaks" to share what music means to individuals and the impact it has had on their life. The project allowed all students of SJC to express their opinions along with their favourite go-to-song being featured on the WMA's Instagram page. It consisted of two segments: one, common to all students and another for the Student Council of St. Joseph's. The initiative was taken to give voice and feature the Josephites and was well-appreciated by the audience.

# Acapella Division-Cover of Vuelie

he WMA's 6-member Acapella team created a cover of Frozen's Vuelie on August 13, 2020. This was the first online project that the Acapella team produced. It received 2.7k views on Instagram and much appreciation from reputed colleges and music forums around Bangalore. Fascinating supporters also left them wanting to listen for more to come from the Acapella division and the association.

# Lo-fi Track (Original Composition) by the Instrumental Division of WMA

fter being initiated, the members of the Instrumental division collaborated to produce a first-ofits-kind Lo-Fi track which was appreciated by the Instagram followers and students of the college. Produced and posted on February 3, 2021, on an online platform, it was marked as one of the many achievements of the division receiving support from most associations across the college.

# **Campaigns:**

#### Trivia Quiz: G-Sharp (every Tuesday)

his was an interactive session with the association followers on Instagram where they participated in a quiz and answered a few music trivia questions. This interactive practice continued to take place every Tuesday to encourage the audience to know more about the unknown histories/cultures, fundamentals and pioneers of Music.

# Top-6 Songs Of The Week (Every Friday)

op 6" was created by Kevin Noel Sequeira (President) aiming to bring forward new songs every week which were trending or are at the top of the billboard charts. The campaign aimed at sharing new songs and to broaden the musical spectrum of the followers. A list of songs was first curated after which they were posted on the Association's Instagram story from Spotify. The songs were from all genres of music. They ranged from The Beatles' to modern-day artists like Olivia Rodrigo. It also included renditions by musicians from the college.

# From the Vault

his campaign aimed at providing fun facts and information about various legendary musicians and bands. It consisted of 4 story slides that introduced each band, the artist's or band's musical background as well as their influences on music. This was followed by fun and interesting facts about them.

# Music and Mental Health Campaigns: Magnetic Melodies

agnetic Melodies", aimed to bring about an interaction with our Instagram audience by understanding what type of music or song relieves or helps them stay resilient through strenuous times. This question was posted on May 12, 2021, asking the audience to suggest go-to songs that they usually listen to during difficult times. The activity received 21 songs from viewers which were then re-posted on stories through Instagram music.

The second segment of this campaign included compiling a few of these songs suggested by our audience into a medley, involving all the divisions of our Association, the entire acapella team, the rap collective that created an original composition and beatboxers and instrumentalists, came together to put forth this music collective as their final project for the academic year of 2020-21. It concluded with the band's rendition of the song 'Fighter' by Christina Aguilera. This complex routine was posted on June 10th through the WMA's Instagram page.

# **Express: Music Art Features**

his campaign was an activity conducted by the Western Music Association (WMA) for Mental Health Awareness month. It was organized to urge Josephites to bring about their creative and artistic side, by asking them to produce artwork related to music such as Album art and art inspired by the participant's favourite Artist. This activity was posted on the Association's Instagram Stories, with eight creative Josephites showcasing their talent on May 31, 2021.

# **Artist Represent**

rtist Represent" was a campaign that showcased the talents of the senior members of the association. This four-post activity on the Association's Instagram page discussed important aspects of each featured member: an introduction to them, their inspiration to become an artist/musician, their biggest achievements, along with three pieces of their musical work. The campaign took place from the 26th to the 29th of May, 2021. It started with Trina Dutt, a profound vocalist, and progressed to Kevin Noel Sequeira, the Association's president and Beatboxer, Tejas Ramakrishna, an intricate musician, and finally, the senior Acapella team, a versatile group of the Association. Being a one-of-a-kind campaign, "Artist Represent" also consisted of four live sessions on Instagram. This segment was conducted by Sofia S., a member of the vocalist division, wherein various questions were asked about each member on their specific days. All four featured entities were also asked to perform for those watching the event.

# Spotify Playlists: A new venture for the WMA

he Western Music Association took to social media once again in October 2020, set out to produce three playlists through Spotify, a music streaming platform. The first playlist, "Lokal Sounds" was released on October 4th to appreciate and uplift all local artists and musicians within St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) and Bengaluru city. The second playlist, "Mainstream Sounds" released on October 9th, provided listeners with chart-topping 'pop' tunes. The last playlist of feel-good, healing music for the soul called "Mental Health" was released on October 20th. All three playlists were taken well by Spotify's audience as many Josephites tuned into the playlists.

### **Music Mood Lifters**

The Western Music Association brought about a 7-day campaign to associate music with activities that promote positive mental health. It consisted of having the participants carry out 7 simple tasks for 7 consecutive days while assigning a song to the activity that the participant thought fits best. This campaign included tasks like exercising, dancing, taking a shower, studying, sleeping, cleaning up and having a cup of coffee or tea. It aimed at instilling a sense of calmness and tranquillity.

# Workshops and Webinars:

# WMA X SUMANA: Music and Mental Health Webinar

he online seminar, conducted on August 29, 2020, was a collaboration between the Department of Psychology's Association, SUMANA and the Western Music Association to bring out the connection between music and mental health. The guest speaker for the event was Mr. Kamal Singh, a Clinical Music Therapist, who works with multiple learning and developmental disabilities like Alzheimer's, Autism spectrum and other Mental Health disorders. He interacted with the participants of the webinar through a YouTube live-stream, which was attended by nurses, teachers, psychologists, enthusiasts and school/college counsellors.

# **Music and Mental Health**

he Western Music Association conducted the 'Music and Mental Health' webinar, in light of Mental Health Awareness month. The discussion took place on May 15, 2021, on Google Meets and aimed at creating a safe and secure space for students to discuss how music has helped their mental health. The webinar began with Sofia S., initiated and mediated the discussion. It then progressed to each participant conversing with each other to create a wholesome experience.

# "Introduction to Jazz" Workshop

he Western Music Association hosted a workshop on an "Introduction to Jazz," conducted by the well-renowned Jazz pianist, Mr Ronojit Chaliha (aka Ron Cha). An alumnus of Berkeley College of Music, Mr Ron Cha has worked with some of the biggest artists in the music industry such as Vishal Dadlani, Clinton Cerejo and international musicians like Ferenc Nemeth and Jacques Schwarz-Bart. The workshop took place on April 16, 2021, hosted by Jyothi Bendala and Kevin Noel Sequeira. Mr Ron Cha spoke about the world of Jazz, giving us an insight into what the genre of music is like and what scope it holds in the music world. He also presented several demonstrations on his piano to better explain his skill and learning. The event ended with a question-answer session.

# **Collaborations:**

WMA X UCMA (Music Video for Environmental Awareness)



he WMA alongside the United Conservation Movement (UCMA), collaborated with the Rap & Beatbox Collective (a division of the WMA) during the end of the academic year (2019-20) and posted on June 2, 2020. This music project consisted of four multi-lingual Rappers and one Beatboxer, along with the UCMA's members for a wholesome video that addressed the Western Ghats situation with the help of music to put forth its message. To further promote the project, the WMA worked in association with the Josephite Choir to create a complete song by February. This marked the WMA's first experience in collaborating with fellow college-led associations.

# Wma X Cmcb (Music And Research: First-Of-Its-Kind-Initiative)

n July 8, 2020, the WMA launched a collaboration with the Centre for Molecular and Computational Biology (CMCB). This initiative included a series of videos discussing scientific research (for CMCB) and about musical inventions (for WMA), their histories and fun facts that may have been unknown to many. The Association provided instrumental tracks for the CMCB's videos through Instagram. The Instrumental division of the WMA took charge of the project to showcase their skills. This marked the successful completion of six videos on the Association's page on September 12, 2020.

# Fresher's Day (In Collaboration With The Student Council)



Instagram page, the WMA was an addition for all freshers to see. The video, posted on August 22, 2020, was the first of its kind for the WMA, a full-fledged project ever made in the history of the Josephite music culture. It was a culmination of the Association's many divisions and members, who came together to create one continuous piece. An initiative was taken to let freshers explore all parts of the association. It was also a gateway for Josephites who would like to join the association for this year.

# WMA X WACC Collaboration

Wilderness Wildlife he and Awareness and Conservation Club (WACC) and the Western Music Association (WMA) collaborated to educate viewers and students of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) on the effects of music on animals such as dogs, cows and elephants. The collaboration consisted of three posts on both the associations' Instagram page as well as through an exclusive "Bio Music" video posted by the WMA. The collaboration started on October 27, 2020, and ended on November 5, 2020, emphasising how Mother Nature provides for us even within the sphere of music.

# INDIAN DANCE ASSOCIATION

rityunjaya, the Indian dance team college, of the participated in Cul-ah organized by Mount Carmel College on 9th of March 2021. A team consisting of eight members - Prerna, Adline, Alona, Niveditha, Sunetra, Srinivas, Winston, and Rohith participated in the Indian Group Dance event - Dvitva. Christina and Sumukha participated in the Indian Solo Dance competition.

Mrityunjaya represented the college at the CMS annual fest, Lasya, held at the MLR Convention Centre on 18th of March 2021. The team placed second in the Indian group dance event - Pravah. The team consisted of Prerna P Patro, Alona Saji, U S Sunetra, Khushi Shah, Dhruthi D, Adline Riya Braggs, Niveditha Narayanan, Winston Mascarenhas, Anthony Rohith and Srinivas N. Niveditha Narayanan and Prerna P Patro participated in the Indian Classical Solo and Indian Solo respectively. Mritvuniava represented college at Christ University, Kengeri, on 27th of March 2021. A team of ten participated in Magnovite Dance Battle. The team consisted of Prerna, Alona, Sunetra, Khushi, Dhruthi, Adline, Niveditha, Winston, Rohith and Srinivas.

Mrityunjaya participated in In Bloom organized by Christ University, Bangalore. The event took place online on 14th of April 2021. A team of ten participated in the group dance and duet dance. The team consisted of Prerna, Alona, Sunetra, Khushi, Dhruthi, Adline, Niveditha, Winston, Rohith and Srinivas. Christina took part in the Indian solo. Adline and Khushi took part in The Indian duet dance.

Mrityunjaya represented the college at the annual dance fest organized by Kristu

Jayanthi College online on 29th of April 2021. Fida placed first in the Western dance solo. Srinivas and Christina placed third in the Eastern duet dance. Niveditha and Rohith placed second in Eastern duet dance. Alona and Sunetra placed second in the Classical duet. Adline and Khushi were placed Second in the Folk dance duet. annual fest of Symbiosis Law School, Pune, which was held online on 30th of April 2021. A team of ten - Prerna, Alona, Adline, Niveditha, Khushi, Dhruthi, Winston, Rohith, Srinivas, and Sunetra participated in the Indian group dance. Srinivas and Christina were placed Second in the Duet dance event.



# WESTERN DANCE ASSOCIATION

# **Group Events**

Streets Crew, the western dance team of the SJC was placed first in the western group dance event -Tropic Like It's Hot, conducted by Jain- Centre for Management Studies held on the 19th of March 2021 at MLR Convention Centre. The event was judged by Velu Kumar.

J Streets Crew, was placed second in the western group dance event, Dougie Down, conducted by Mount Carmel College on the 13th of March 2021. This was the first offline fest since the lockdown. The event was judged by Gagan Somaiah from Graffiti Crew and Nikhil Z Shenoy.

J Streets Crew conducted its first college cypher called Future Elements on 7th of February 2021. It was conducted at the House of Liberal Arts and was open to college students only. The team successfully hosted the event and received some overwhelming responses with over 30 participants. The event was attended by choreographer Gagan Somaiah who shared his knowledge and experience. The team ensured that Covid protocols were followed throughout.



# **Duet Events**

unil J and Akshay Chethan M.M from the J Streets Crew represented SJC in the duet dance events this year-

**1st place** at Manan Humanities Fest-Mount Carmel College held on the 22nd of January 2021

**1st place** at Nrityanjali Dance Fest- Kristu Jayanthi College held on the 29th of April 2021

**1st place** at Symbhav- Symbiosis International University held on the 30th of April 2021

**2nd place** at Inbloom Fest- Christ University held on the 12th of April 2021

### Solo

kshay Chethan M M represented SJC at various solo events this year

**1st place** at Spectrum Fest- Nift College, Chennai held on the 17th of April 2021.

**1st place** at Instincts Fest- Ssn College, Chennai held on the 3rd of April 2021.

**2nd place** at Dance Till Dawn, Cultrang Fest-IIT Goa held on the 12th of April 2021.

2nd place at Manipur University, Jaipur

3rd place at SIBM Law School, Pune

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# **FASHION TEAM**

he SJC Fashion Team participated in an event called "Beach Please" at Jain University on the 20th of March 2021. The team received appreciation from the judges and the attention of the audience for their unique performance.

The SJC fashion team took part in Ablaze, a fashion event of the Symbhav Fest 2021, organised by Symbiosis College of Law. The online event was conducted on the 29th of April 2021. The team received special mention by the judges for their exceptional performance.

# MIMA

# Auditions for the Academic Year 2020-2021

uditions for the academic year 2020-2021 were conducted from 29th October to 15th of November 2020. Categories like acting, narration, scriptwriting and standup comedy were offered and encouraged. Students selected were sent for a secondround audition that was conducted in mid February. The best of them were selected and officially added to the MIMA group. There are currently 47 students in the Association.



# Lasya 2020

he college entertainment association MIMA took part in the fest Lasya 2020 organised by CMS Jain college on March 18th and 19th, 2021. The team secured 3rd place in Icebreakers and 1st place in Mime.

# **Enact fest**

he college entertainment association MIMA took part in "Enact Fest" conducted by St. Joseph's College of Commerce on April 6, 2021. They bagged 1st place in Mieming.

# Lockdown with MIMA

eeping the lockdown in mind, students of MIMA conducted an online competition with the theme "Lockdown with MIMA" from 23rd to 25th of April 2021, to boost the students' creativity and entertain the Josephites. The online event had three competitions with 61 registrations.



# CHRISTIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

he Inauguration of the Christian Students Association took place on September 16, 2020 on Microsoft Teams. The chief guest and speaker for the day was Mr. Philip Cherian, the director of Formations. A speech which included the overview of the association was delivered by Mr. Ricky Wilfred, the coordinator.

CSA organizes 'Not by Sight' fellowship every Wednesday on MS Teams where we look to strengthen each other to grow in the Lord. It also organizes 'At the Cross' fellowship on some Sundays where the opportunity is given to students to testify their walk with the Lord. CSA also organized an online Christmas Programme 'Conceiving Christ' for the students of our college which included various events such as poster making, carol medley, 'Can you be like the wise men?'(Quiz), Pick and Speak, sketching. These events were conducted online on December 21-23, 2020.

CSA also participated in various intercollegiate fests. In this academic year, CSA participated and won prizes in the intercollegiate gospel fest 'Exalted 2020-Epiphany' conducted online by the Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College on October 7, 2020. CSA in collaboration with the AICUF participated and won the Runners Up Overall Trophy at the intercollegiate gospel fest 'Revelations' conducted by St. Joseph's College of Commerce on 26th and 27th February 2021.CSA also participated and bagged the overall championship in the intercollegiate gospel fest 'Jehoshua' conducted online by Christ (Deemed-to-be University) from February 28 to March 21, 2021.

CSA in collaboration with the AICUF participated and won the Runner's Up Overall Trophy at the intercollegiate gospel fest 'Revelations' conducted by St. Joseph's College of Commerce on 26th and 27th February 2021



OUTREACH

#### **Bembala Outreach**

embala – St Joseph's Outreach, is a BJES community outreach programme designed for students of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) initiated to realize the Jesuit vision of life and education. St. Joseph's Institution envisions forming young men and women with a strong concern and commitment

for the society they live in.

As part of the outreach activity, all the second and third year UG and PG students attended webinars organized by Bembala on different social issues. Some of the prominent resource persons who addressed the students were Dr. Karen Maria (Director Planet Hope Foundation, Ramachandrappa Netherlands), Dr. (DCP Bangalore), Immanuel (Secretary, Compassion in Action and Coordinator of Covid Relief NGO Bangalore Region), Dr. Sonali (Director –Helping Hand India) and Dr. Prasad Xavier (Director- Bosco Mane). An NGO and Orphanage Needs Analysis was conducted by students to assess the needs of the NGOs during their visits. The needs and the difficulties faced by each NGO would then be presented by the students to the Bembala team. The objective of the programme was to make Bembala a support system to these NGOs. The Government School Needs Analysis required students to assess the needs of the schools during their visits and the same format of functioning would follow with students presenting findings to the Bembala team and the later brainstorming over resources that can be mobilized. An

online teaching program for government school children and school dropouts conducted entailed sessions on life skills over Zoom. The Online Citizen Journalism programme was initiated to make students aware of the impact of Covid-19 among the most vulnerable communities in Bangalore.

The students were divided into small groups to interview and submit the report based on the same. More than 1000 saplings were planted in Sapling Plantation Drive. Let's recharge was a programme that created an impact among students and motivated them to raise money to recharge the internet for 35 children from marginalized communities as a form of education support for their online classes.



The Publishing Module on Life Skills had students present on Communication, Selfawareness, Problem Solving, etc. to the government school children. A newsletter was also published which contained the objectives of Bembala and reports on all the activities. On the occasion of Children's Day, the Outreach team distributed chocolates for more than 750+ children in Siddapura Slum, Lakkasandra Slum, SR Nagar Slum, White Field Slum, Don Bosco Ch ildren's Home, etc. On World Aids Day, the team visited Accept and Snehadaan – Home for children with HIV. Students also helped organize the first Covid Vaccination Drive for frontline workers for which BBMP recognition followed.

The Bembala staff and students celebrated the 73rd Republic Day with marginalized people of Siddapura slum through flag hoisting.



They also joined a farmers' protest to show solidarity at freedom park. Close to 150 students were given a target to cover and to vaccinate 150 children below 5 years old as a part of Polio vaccination drive. A Walkathon and webinar was organized for World Cancer Day. Quiz Bee was an online quiz competition conducted as part of the Outreach programme. Visit to a government-run school saw participation of all the students. Apart from conducting activities, stationery was also distributed. A series of online awareness drives on topics like mental health, LGBTQ+ and farmers' struggle were done. The students visited the National Association for the Blind

that trains and equips visually challenged workers.

The students also visited Children's Creativity Center, an NGO solely established for underprivileged kids, on multiple occasions. Shishu Vihara, a day care near Madiwala market, was painted by students from March 5-6, 2021.

Online webinar as part of BBMP's Swacch Survekshan on Solid Waste Management was held on March 7, 2021. The resource person was BBMP Special commissioner for Solid waste Management, Mr. Randeep Singh, BBMP Officer Dr. Shanti and Ms. Shobha. A webinar was organised on the occasion of World Women's Day. The speaker was Ms. Karan Maria – Director of Plant Hopes Foundation, Netherlands. Bembala Outreach in collaboration with SJC WACC association also helped conduct Neerathon, a marathon for water conservation.

A Covid Virtual War Room in association with CIA and BBMP was set up by Bembala which assisted 3000+ covid patients get ICU beds, oxygen cylinders and concentrators, coordinating with the covid care centres, ambulance services, online



doctor consultations among other medical aids. As part of other covid relief work, packed and distributed 5000+ ration kits to marginalized families. 8000+ biscuit and juice packets were distributed to children at various places like schools, tuition centres, slums. 10000 + food packets were distributed to covid patients, frontline workers and the destitute as well. 500+ protein powder packs were distributed to covid patients in Government Hospitals and Covid Care Centres. In association with Indian Christian Cemetery, Bembala Outreach assisted 100+ families for the burial of their loved ones. They also organised a distribution drive of PPE kits,

sanitizer, masks etc. to frontline workers in collaboration with BBMP and Act of Love NGO. Covid tracing and testing was conducted for students and staff with the help of the health care professionals. Management, as part of the relief work, initiated Covid Vaccination Drive in SJEC Campus for staff, frontline workers and students. On the occasion of World Environment Day, an online plantation drive was conducted wherein the students planted one sapling in their own places. On the occasion of World Day against Child Labour, a webinar was conducted.





# **COLLEGE DAY AWARDS**

137 th College Day Awards List held on 6 th of March 2021 (postponed from March 2020)

# RANK HOLDER LIST: PG (2017-2019)

Sl. no.	SUBJECT	NAMES
1	ECONOMICS	1. NACHAMMAI. L
		2. SAMPURNA MITRA
2	BIG DATA	1. SRIVIDYA N S
	ANALYTICS	2. VISHNU R NAMBIAR
3	BOTANY	1. RAKESH B
		2. SHIRLEY UDAYA DEEPTI
4	CHEMISTRY	1. TEJASWINI S RAO
		2. RUBY MARIAM RAJU
5	ENGLISH	1. GONSALVES ZENISHA
		2. FERNANDES ROCHELLE ANN
6	JOURNALISM	1. ANUSHA J
		2. REEMA ROY
7	MATHEMATICS	1. EMIN JOSE
		2. ROSAN ROY
8	MICROBIOLOGY	1. NIDHI V HEGDE
		2. SIMRAN THAWANI
9	COMPUTER	1. JOY KEREN
	SCIENCE	2. KM NITHYAA YOGA NANDINI
10	SOCIAL WORK	1. SANTHOSH WILSON WALDER
		2. SATYA SANDHYA HIRA
11	PHYSICS	1. RAMYA SURESH
		2. ELSA ANTONY
12	POLITICAL	1. PRIYANKA CHOPRA
	SCIENCE	2. WONCHIBENI TSOPOE

# RANK HOLDER LIST: UG (2016-2019)

Sl.no.	COMBINATION	NAME	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
1	ВСА	1. M.N. VARUN SOMANNA	
		2. MOHAMMED MUEEN PASHA M	
2	BOTANY	1. PRANAV M. SHARMA	+Chemsitry(1 st ) + Zoology(2nd )
		2. MADHUPREETA M	+ Chemsitry(2 nd)+Sanskrit(1ST) +Environmental Science(1 ST )
3	CHEMISTRY	1. PRANAV M. SHARMA	
		2. MADHUPREETA M	
4	BIOTECHNOLOGY	1. SATYAJIT S	
		2. HARSHITHA N	
5	ELECTRONICS	1. S RAMA CHANDRA KARTHIK	
		2. N. ARJUN	
6	ECONOMICS SCIENCE	1. KANUPRIYA CHOWDHARY	+ Statistics(1 st )
		1. TARUN MEHTA	+Statistics(2 nd ) + Mathematics (2 nd )
		2. OSHIN BENNY ANTO	
7	HISTORY	1. VIVEK JOSEPH	
		2. VARSHA K	
8	INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	1. VIVIAN SHAUN P. THOMAS	
		2. SHARON NOELEEN BARROWS	
9	JOURNALISM	1. SHALOM GAURI1	
		2. UDIPTO PHUKAN	
10	MATHEMATICS	1. ANIKET SEN	+Physics(1 st ) + Computer sci. (1 st) + German(1 st )
		2. TARUN MEHTA	
11	MICROBIOLOGY	1. SHREYA KORDALE	Zoology(1 st )
		2. VAISHNAVI R	
12	OPTIONAL	1. DIPANNITA MUKHERJEE	
	ENGLISH	2. ARCHITA RAGHUNATHAN	
13	PHYSICS	1. ANIKET SEN	
		2. SUDHINDRA P	

14	POLITICAL SCIENCE	1. NAL NANGAI VENKATAKRISHNAN	+French(1 st )
	SCIENCE	2. DAVID THANGLALIAN PHIEMPHU	+Economics arts(1 st )
15	PSYCHOLOGY	1. DEVAYANI SATHYAN	
		2. FEMITHA RACHEL RUBY	
16	SOCIOLOGY	1. ANNA MARY	
		2. SNIGDHA SUMAN	+ Hindi(1 st ) + Economics arts (2 nd )
17	STATISTICS	1. KANUPRIYA CHOWDARY	
		2. TARUN MEHTA	
18	ZOOLOGY	1. SHREYA KORDALE	
		2. PRANAV M.SHARMA	
19	BSW	1. RENU R	
		2. MARIA ROSHINI SUNDAR RAJ	
20	ADDITIONAL	1. AYESHA DASH	
	ENGLISH	2. REKHA JOLY	
21	HINDI	1. SNIGDHA SUMAN	
		2. JINAL U JAIN	
22	KANNADA	1. SHASHANKA S	
		2. SNEHA CHITRIGEMATH	
		2.PRADEEP GOUDAR	
		2.NANDITHA P	
23	GERMAN	1. ANIKET SEN	
		2. SHARMISHTA R SOMAYAJI	
24	FRENCH	1. NAL NANGAI VENKATAKRISHNAN	
		2. CHRISTAL ELSA JOHN	
25	GENERAL	1. EDWIN PETER LOBO	
	ENGLISH	2. MANASA S MURTHY	
26	SANSKRIT	1. MADHUPREETA	
		2. GIRISH CHANDRASHEKAR	+ Computer Science (2 nd )
27	TAMIL	1. GOKUL S	
		2. KARUPPIAH SARAVANAPPERUMAL	
		2.KIRUBA. H.B	

28	BVC	1. SIMRAN KAPOOR	
		2. VISHNU B R	
29	COMPUTER SCIENCE	1. ANIKET SEN	
		2. GIRISH CHANDRASHEKAR	
30	ECONOMICS ARTS	1. DAVID THANGLALIAN PHIEMPHU	
		2. SNIGDHA SUMAN	
31	B.COM	1. ASHWIN RAJ	
		2. YASHASVI S	
32	B.COM (BPS)	1. ARCHANA SATHISH KAMATH	
		2. MURALIDHARA K	
33	ENVIRONMENTAL	1. MADHUPREETA	
	SCIENCE	2. MONOJ P	
34	B.VOC (DIGITAL MEDIA	1. A. NUNMOZHI	
	AND ANIMATION)	2. POOJA SHAH	
35	B.VOC (VISUAL MEDIA AND FILM MAKING)	1. KARISHMA MADHUSUDHANA N MENON	
		2. NITIHIN JAMESON	

# **Department of Physical Education**

# **ACHIEVERS 2019 - 2020**

SI. No.	NAME	ACHIEVEMENTS
1	MangaalArambam (II MA Eco)	International Natural Bodybuilding Association (INBA) Asia Pacific International Championship, held in Bangalore, India. Awarded Bodybuilding Jr. Overall and 3rd Place Classic Bodybuilding
		53 rd Mr Asia and 11 th Mr World, held in Khamam, Telangana. Selected to represent India in Mr World
		Represent Bangalore Central University in the All India Inter-Uni- versity Best Physique Competition held at Chandigarh University, Mohali from 11 to 20 December 2019.

2	Lloyd Cyril (II MCOM)	Represented Bangalore Central University in FootBall, organized in VIT, Vellore
3	S Ajith Albert (II PGDFM)	Represented Bangalore Central University in Badminton at SRM University from 15 to 20 December 2019
4	Jerome (III BCA)	7 th Senior Nationals Dueball Championship, held in Rupnagar, Punjab
5	Shivanth M J (III EPS)	1st Runner up in the Mumbai Hockey Tournament. Represented Bangalore University Hockey Team and was Runners and selected for All India Inter-University Tournament
6	Ravi S (III BA)	Represented Bangalore University Basket Ball Team
7	Shaik Sadiq Uwais (III BCOM)	Represented Bangalore University Foot Ball Team
8	Hemanth Devaiah (III BA)	Represented Bangalore University Hockey Team and was selected for All India Inter-University Tournament
9	Sanjay V S (III BCOM)	Selected to represent Bangalore University in Judo and Wrestling (Greko Roman Style).
10	Shashith G Raj (III BA)	Selected to represent Bangalore University in wrestling (Greko Roman Style) at Harayana
11	Arjun C K (III HEP)	Represented Bangalore Central University in FootBall, organized in VIT, Vellore
12	Sabiya S (I MCOM)	Represented India in the Indo-Malaysia Throw Ball Tournament at Kaulalmpur, Malaysia and were Winners.
13	Prashanth V (II HEP)	18 th Karnataka State Wushu Championship, held in Mysore. 3 Gold Medals and Overall Championship in Men's Best Physique 2019
14	Nachappa I R (II EPS)	1st Runner up in the Mumbai Hockey Tournament
15	Bharath R (II CBZ)	4th Elite Men's National Boxing Championship 2019 under the weight category 46-49 kgs, organized by Boxing Federation of India in Baddi, Himachal Pradesh
		Represent Bangalore Central University Boxing competition held at Bhagpat, UP organized by Ch Charan Singh University, Meerut from 20 Dec 2019 to 02 Jan 2020
16	A Md. Moinuddin (II IES)	Represented Bangalore Central University in FootBall, organized in
17	Leonard Cyril (II PCM)	VIT, Vellore
18	Shashank C (II EPS)	
19	Shravan Kumar (II HEP)	
20	Ralph Rajamathi (II PCM)	

21	AdvaithNachappa (II EPS)	Represented Bangalore Central University Hockey Team held in Bangalore and was selected for All India Inter-University Tourna- ment and has secured Silver Medal organized in Gwalior (M.P)
22	Somaiah N G (II HEP)	
23	Shivashankar S (II BCOM)	Selected to represent Bangalore Central University in Judo at CSJM University, Kanpur
24	Bhavishya K J (II BCOM)	Selected to represent Bangalore Central University in Badminton at Manipal University, Udupi
25	Om Tolani (II BCA)	Selected to represent Bangalore Central University in Table Tennis organized by HITS, Tamil Nadu
26	Evangeline Sharon Bhuvana (I HEP)	35th National Junior Athletic Championship, held at Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh and won the silver medal in 4x100 Mts Relay
27	Kameshwran M (I CBT)	30 th Senior Canoe National Championship at Bhopal, MP
28	M Laksha (I HEP)	10 th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship held at Kollam, Kerala
29	Richard Peter (I BPS)	Represent Bangalore Central University held at Bhagpat, UP orga- nized by Ch Charan Singh University, Meerut from 20 Dec 2019 to 02 Jan 2020
30	Rithin Christy (I BPS)	Represented Bangalore Central University in Cricket, organized in Mysore
31	Francis Xavier (I IES)	Represented Bangalore Central University in FootBall, organized in VIT, Vellore
32	Mohan Bahadur (I IES)	
33	Ganesh N (I BCA)	Selected to represent Bangalore Central University in Hand Ball, organized by NHCE, Bangalore
34	Meghna Ann Mathew (I HEP)	Selected to represent Bangalore Central University in Judo
35	Joannah John (I EMS)	Selected to represent Bangalore Central University in Table Ten- nis, organized by KLU, Vijayawada
36	R Seema (I CBZ)	Represented Bangalore Central University in Taekwondo, orga- nized in Punjab University
37	Rishikesh S P (I BBA)	Represented Bangalore Central University in Tennis, organized by Jain University
38	Shwetha Prem (I IES)	Selected to represent Bangalore Central University in Volleyball

# NCC

# 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC

GURUDEEP. S. GOWDA	Cadet Warrant Officer Gurudeep S. Gowda, son of Srinivasa Gowda M.G and
	Hemalatha. M, of 1 st HEP successfully completed inter directorate shooting competition (IDSC) Mavalankar 2019 at West Bengal representing Karnataka and Goa Directorate. He is the first cadet in the history of 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC to take part in this competition.
LALROHLUI COLNEY	CDT/CPL Lalrohlui Colney, daughter of Lallawmzuala and Lalremrauti, of 2 nd PMC represented Karnataka and goa at the Republic Day camp 2020. She was a part of the All India Guard of Honour 2020. This is the first time in the histo- ry of 1KAR AIR SQN SJC to have a female cadet be part of the All India Guard of Honour. She gave the guard of honour for the Chief Minister of Delhi Sri Aravind Kejriwal, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, Minister of the State for Defence Dr Subhash Ramrao Bhamre and was also a part of Prime Minister's rally and gave the guard of honour to the honourable Prime Minister of India, Sri. Narendra Modi.
CHIRAG SAGAR	CDT Chirag Sagar, son of Venugopal N and Meenakshi C, of PMC represented Karnataka and Goa at Republic Day camp 2020.
	He was a part of all India Republic day marching contingent 2020 and is the only air force cadet from the directorate this year to be part of the Rajpath contingent 2020.
	He saluted the Amar Jawan and the esteemed dignitaries including the Pres- ident of India, Sri. Ramnath Kovind and Chief Guest of the Republic Day 2020 Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro and Prime Minister of India Sri. Narendra Modi and was also part of the Prime Minister's rally.
NANDINI M	Leading flight Cadet Nandini, daughter of Mallikarjun and Pushpavathi, of 2 nd PCM was part of Karnataka and Goa's contingent at Pre-RDC-III- 2019.
	She was a part of a special national integration camp (SNIC-Delhi) where she showcased the cultural dance of Karnataka and Goa. She was part of the Prime Minister rally (PM rally-2020) conducted on 28/01/2020 in Cariappa ground Delhi.
CHAITRA R	Leading flight Cadet Chaitra, daughter of Ravi and Uma, of 2 nd PMC success- fully completed inter group competition /RDC -2020 at Hoskote, Bengaluru and represented Bengaluru B group of Karnataka and Goa Directorate.
	She was a part of the Bangalore b group cultural team.
	She was also a part of the Bengaluru b group Flagarea team which won third place in intergroup competition.

V NAVEEN KUMAR	Leading flight Cadet V Naveen Kumar, son of Velayuthan and Valliammal, of 2 nd MEC successfully completed inter group competition /RDC -2020 at Hoskote, Bengaluru and represented Bengaluru B group of Karnataka and Goa Directorate.
	He was part of the drill team and represented the Bangalore B group in the guard of honour team, contingent drill and PM rally
ANUSH SHETTI	Cadet Anush Shetti, son of Nagesh N Shetti and Vandana N Shetti, of 2 nd PMC successfully completed Vayu Sainik camp-3 2019 at Jalahalli, Bengalu- ru and showcased his skill in skeet shooting. He represented Karnataka and Goa directorate in Ek Bharat Shresht Bharat 2019 held at Mysuru. There he successfully completed his comprehensive all-round development and em- ployability training programs, organized by the NCC Exchange Participants Association of India.
1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC TF	P-3 GP-B:
DIYA D'SOUZA	CSUO. Diya D'Souza, of III – EJP, represented Karnataka and Goa Directorate in the Republic Day camp, Guard of Honor – 2019 and represented India in the Youth Exchange Programme held at Sri Lanka – 2019. She is the first cadet in the history of St. Joseph's College and 1 Karnataka Armoured Squad- ron to represent the college at the International level. She is the recipient of the Deputy Director- General Commendation Card – 2019.
ALLEN I FERNANDES	CQMS. Allen I Fernandes, of II – PCM, represented Karnataka and Goa Direc- torate in the All India Thal Sainik Camp (AITSC) – 2019 and secured a Gold medal at the State level and stood 12 th in the All India best cadet competi- tion out of 3 lakh cadets.
NARASIMHA MURTHY	CSUO. Narasimha Murthy J, of III – B. Com 'C', represented NCC in the 28 th All India G. V. Mavlankar Shooting Championship – 2018 and bagged the silver medal. He is the recipient of the Chief Minister's commen- dation card 2019 and 2020 and has successfully completed the Basic skiing course – 46 held at Gulmarg, Kashmir with an overall second place.
SURAJ SEN	SGT. Suraj Sen, represented Karnataka and Goa Directorate in the Republic day camp, Prime Minister's Rally – 2020, he also represented the Bangalore "B" Group in IGC/TSC -2019 as the Best Cadet and secured a bronze medal in the competition.
GAIJAILUNG KAMAL B K	Cdt. Gaijailung Kamal B K, of II - HEP represented the Bangalore "B" Group in IGC/TSC – 2019 and was a part of the Field Signal team which secured second prize in the competition.
SUSHMA PRAJAPATI	Cdt. Sushma Prajapati from II – EPS represented the Bangalore "B" Group in IGC/TSC – 2019 and was a part of the Map-reading team which secured the third prize in the competition.
RISHABH RATHORE	L/cpl. Rishabh Rathore of II – CPE successfully completed the Basic skiing course - 46 held at Gulmarg, Kashmir with an overall second place.
RUKVITH G SHIVAYOGI	Cdt. Rukvith G Shivayogi of II – PCM successfully completed the Basic skiing
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	course - 46 held at Gulmarg, Kashmir with an overall second place.

#### NSS: Awards for the year 2019 - 2020

UNIT- 1:	S YADHUNANDAN
	NISHA . R
UNIT- 2:	AKEL VARGHESE
	REENA R

#### **Appreciation for service for Student Council**

POSITION HELD	NAMES
PRESIDENT	L Kevin Lloyd
VICE PRESIDENT	Malavika T
GENERAL SECRETARY	Bindushree V
TREASURER	C Venkata Vamsi Krishna
JOINT SECRETARY	Akshay Kumar R
CULTURAL SECRETARY	Mayank Gaurav Syed Rayan Asim Adnan Ahmed Khan
SPORTS SECRETARY	S R Ermin Jamjoyson

#### Best out-going students for the year 2019 - 2020

Social Science (UG) – Mr TONY BRIAN D'SOUZA -17EJP15057

Professional (UG) - Ms SANJANA SALOME DURAIRAJ - 17BSW42003

Physical Science (UG) – Mr SEBASTIAN THOMAS -17EMS25003

Natural Science (UG) - Mr B. SHREYAS PADMANABHA SHARMA- 17CBT36013

Commerce (UG) – Ms NISHA . R -17BCOM52007

PG (Arts/Professional) – Ms TEENA MARIA RANI -18MCOM81004

PG (Science) – Mr SUHITH K.N -18MAT76002

# LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS FOR COLLEGE DAY ON, SATURDAY 25 th SEPTEMBER 2021 UG : 2017-2020

					BIO	TECH	NOLO	GΥ						
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	CZBT	17CZBT37002	SHREYA MUTHUKUMAR	123	137	135	92	140	137	139	130	1150	1033	89.83
2	CBBT	17CBT36036	MARIAM ATAULLA	132	129	128	85	137	138	133	128	1150	1010	87.83
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#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	CBZ	17CBZ31016	SUJAY RAJ	139	143	137	90	143	133	145	146	1150	1076	93.57
2	CBZ	17CBZ31006	SUPRIYA H	128	134	143	94	137	142	141	141	1150	1060	92.17
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#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	РСМ	17PCM21001	LIONEL JEEVAN DMELLO	150	148	147	98	142	147	145	145	1150	1122	97.57
2	РСМ	17PCM21005	GODWIN MARTIN	150	150	145	98	149	148	140	141	1150	1121	97.48
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1					COM	PUTE	R SCIE	NCE						
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	V	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
#	COMB PMC	REG. No. 17PMC23001		. <u> </u>	r			1	v 135	vi 138	vi 137			
			Candidate SREYA	i	ii	iii	iv	v				Marks	Obtained	ntage
1	РМС	17PMC23001	Candidate SREYA CHOWDHURY	i 139	ii 145 140	iii 143 122	iv 93	v 148 145	135	138	137	Marks 1150	Obtained 1078	ntage 93.74
1	PMC PMC	17PMC23001	Candidate SREYA CHOWDHURY	i 139	ii 145 140	iii 143 122	iv 93 89	v 148 145	135	138	137	Marks 1150	Obtained 1078	ntage 93.74
1	PMC PMC	17PMC23001 17PMC23040	Candidate SREYA CHOWDHURY MELWIL VAS Name of	i 139 145	ii 145 140 <b>EL</b>	<ul><li>iii</li><li>143</li><li>122</li><li>ECTR</li></ul>	iv 93 89 ONIC	v 148 145 <b>S</b>	135 128	138 140	137 143	Marks 1150 1150 Max	Obtained 1078 1052 Total Marks	ntage 93.74 91.48 Perce-
1 2 #	PMC PMC COMB	17PMC23001 17PMC23040 REG. No.	Candidate SREYA CHOWDHURY MELWIL VAS Name of Candidate PULAMATHI	i 139 145 i	ii 145 140 <b>EL</b> ii	<ul><li>iii</li><li>143</li><li>122</li><li>ECTR</li><li>iii</li></ul>	iv 93 89 <b>ONIC</b>	v 148 145 <b>S</b> v	135 128 v	138 140 vi	137 143 vi	Marks 1150 1150 Max Marks	Obtained 1078 1052 Total Marks Obtained	ntage 93.74 91.48 Perce- ntage
1 2 #	PMC PMC COMB PEM	17PMC23001 17PMC23040 REG. No. 17PEM22027	Candidate SREYA CHOWDHURY MELWIL VAS Name of Candidate PULAMATHI VIKRANTH	i 139 145 i 132	ii 145 140 <b>EL</b> ii 129	<ul> <li>iii</li> <li>143</li> <li>122</li> <li>ECTR</li> <li>iii</li> <li>124</li> </ul>	iv 93 89 <b>ONIC</b> iv 98 92	v 148 145 <b>S</b> v 121	135 128 v 141	138 140 vi 136	137 143 vi 129	Marks 1150 1150 Max Marks 1150	Obtained 1078 1052 Total Marks Obtained 1010	ntage 93.74 91.48 Perce- ntage 87.83
1 2 #	PMC PMC COMB PEM	17PMC23001 17PMC23040 REG. No. 17PEM22027 17PEM22013	Candidate SREYA CHOWDHURY MELWIL VAS Name of Candidate PULAMATHI VIKRANTH	i 139 145 i 132	ii 145 140 <b>EL</b> ii 129	<ul> <li>iii</li> <li>143</li> <li>122</li> <li>ECTR</li> <li>iii</li> <li>124</li> <li>144</li> </ul>	iv 93 89 <b>ONIC</b> iv 98 92	v 148 145 <b>S</b> v 121	135 128 v 141	138 140 vi 136	137 143 vi 129	Marks 1150 1150 Max Marks 1150	Obtained 1078 1052 Total Marks Obtained 1010	ntage 93.74 91.48 Perce- ntage 87.83
1 2 # 1 2	PMC PMC COMB PEM PEM	17PMC23001 17PMC23040 REG. No. 17PEM22027 17PEM22013	Candidate SREYA CHOWDHURY MELWIL VAS Name of Candidate PULAMATHI VIKRANTH ARSHITHA M	i 139 145 i 132 130	<ul> <li>ii</li> <li>145</li> <li>140</li> <li>EL</li> <li>129</li> <li>131</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>iii</li> <li>143</li> <li>122</li> <li>ECTR</li> <li>iii</li> <li>124</li> <li>144</li> <li>HIST</li> </ul>	iv 93 89 0NIC iv 98 92 0RY	v 148 145 <b>S</b> v 121 115	135 128 v 141 139	138 140 vi 136 131	137 143 vi 129 125	Marks 1150 1150 Max Marks 1150 1150 Max	Obtained 1078 1052 Total Marks Obtained 1010 1007 Total Marks	ntage 93.74 91.48 Perce- ntage 87.83 87.57 Perce-

					M	ATHE	MATIC	S						
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	EMS	17EMS25009	VAARUNI H RAO	144	145	148	100	146	150	150	146	1150	1129	98.17
2	EMS	17EMS25003	SEBASTIAN THOMAS	148	149	148	99	148	149	146	142	1150	1129	98.17
3	РСМ	17PCM21005	GODWIN MARTIN	150	149	150	99	145	150	142	138	1150	1123	97.65
						PHYS	SICS							
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	РСМ	17PCM21005	GODWIN MARTIN	148	139	141	97	141	144	143	144	1150	1097	95.39
2	PMC	17PMC23040	MELWIL VAS	140	126	130	92	143	138	144	146	1150	1059	92.09
						ZOOL	OGY							
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	MCZ	17MCZ35032	SAYANDEEP DAS	138	142	136	94	135	141	138	139	115	1063	92.43
2	CBZ	17CBZ31016	SUJAY RAJ	124	134	128	88	141	136	142	140	1150	1033	89.83
						BC	A							
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	BCA	17BCA41052	MARIA BASILICA	592	592	589	479	574		550		3500	3376	96.46
2	BCA	17BCA41038	ADARSH JHUNJHUNWALA	540	546	565	477	564		563		3500	3255	93
					MI	CROB	IOLOG	GΥ						
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	MCZ	17MCZ35032	SAYANDEEP DAS	126	136	128	83	127	121	141	138	1150	1000	86.96
2	MCZ	17MCZ35008	GAURI SHARMA	118	132	132	88	125	110	133	119	1150	957	83.22
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#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	EJP	17EJP15044	NIKHITA THOMAS	116	111	114	83	121	113	104	120	1150	882	76.7
2	EJP	17EJP15038	SANDRA JIJU	112	110	115	74	120	107	111	115	1150	864	75.13

	BVC														
#	COMB	REG. No.	Name of	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max		Perce-	
			Candidate									Marks	Obtained	ntage	
1	BVC	17BVC14012	A S RAGHUL	443	450	442	371	541		417		3550	2664	75.04	
2	BVC	17BVC14007	ANURAG BARUAH	475	462	417	358	562		389		3550	2663	75.01	

	BSW														
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage	
1	BSW	17BSW42030	MRIDULA T	320	338	333	331	512	610			2900	2444	84.28	
2	BSW	17BSW42003	SANJANA SALOME DURAIRAJ	302	311	309	321	476	636			2900	2355	81.21	

	ECONOMICS SCIENCE														
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage	
1	EMS	17EMS25003	SEBASTIAN THOMAS		85	94	47	95	94		186	650	601	92.46	
2	EMS	17EMS25015	DIVYANGSHU DASGUPTA		83	89	44	91	93		187	650	587	90.31	

				F	DDIT	IONA	LENG	iLISH						
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	EMS	17EMS25017	RAHAEL CHERIAN	67	71	82	78					400	298	74.5
2	РСМ	17PCM21021	SANJANA K SHANBHOGUE	74	72	73	77					400	296	74

	FRENCH													
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	CBBT	17CBT36043	KOUAME ANGE WILFRIED	93	84	87	84					400	348	87
2	EJP	17EJP15005	ADITI KUMAR	95	89	82	81					400	347	86.75

	GERMAN														
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max	Total Marks	Perce-	
			Candidate									Marks	Obtained	ntage	
1	CEZ	17CEZ33027	RISAAL AMINA	99	97	99	99					400	394	98.5	
2	EMS	17EMS25062	RESHMA DUA	85	91	91	98					400	365	91.25	

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#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	BCA	17BCA41052	MARIA BASILICA	81	84	92	91					400	348	87
2	PMC	17PMC23009	AISWARYA SASIKUMAR	83	86	86	82					400	337	84.25
						SANS	SKRIT							
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	EMS	17EMS25009	VAARUNI H RAO	99	94	98	99					400	390	97.5
2	MCZ	17MCZ35008	GAURI SHAR- MA	94	98	97	97					400	386	96.5
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#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	PCM	17PCM21034	BENET ZENIKA J	94	86	91	85					400	356	89
2	CPE	17CPE16015	ANTONY LOURDHU MARY.M	90	84	82	84					400	340	85
				•		KAN	NADA	•	•	•		•		
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	РСМ	17PCM21014	PRAGATHI M S	91	97	97	99					400	384	96
2	EMS	17EMS25003	SEBASTIAN THOMAS	94	94	96	99					400	383	95.75
					GEN	ERAL	ENG	LISH		ł				
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	МСВ	17MCB34029	ADITYA SARKAR	74	81	76	82					400	313	78.25
2	РСМ	17PCM21005	GODWIN MARTIN	79	75	81	77					400	312	78

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#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	IES	17IES13010	ANN CATHARIN ANTONY	79	85	84	38	85	88	90	92	750	641	85.47
2	IES	17IES13081	ANKANA DUTTA	76	83	78	44	85	82	90	87	750	625	83.33
3	IES	17IES13004	PALLAVI V NAIR	76	84	79	36	82	86	92	90	750	625	83.33

					POLI	TICAL	SCIE	NCE						
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	HEP	17HEP11001	ADLINE KUJUR	82	82	86	42	77	86	92	96	750	643	85.73
2	HEP	17HEP11006	GOLDY RAJ EKKA	77	77	86	38	85	85	89	92	750	629	83.87

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#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	EJP	17EJP15033	JINIA MUKHERJEE	126	126	125	89	122	126	139	138	1150	991	86.17
2	EJP	17EJP15044	NIKHITA THOMAS	129	115	125	89	117	124	135	142	1150	976	84.87

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#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	IES	17IES13010	ANN CATHARIN ANTONY	76	80	84	43	81	81	83	81	750	609	81.2
2	EPS	17EPS12066	anushka Madhukar	69	77	82	40	79	88	86	88	750	609	81.2
3	IES	17IES13003	SARAH MANSI TALUJA	71	72	79	40	83	82	87	89	750	603	80.4

					S	TATIS	STICS							
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks		Perce- ntage
1	EMS	17EMS25003	SEBASTIAN THOMAS	147	150	147	99	145	147	146	148	1150	1129	98.17
2	EMS	17EMS25009	VAARUNI H RAO	141	144	142	97	146	140	135	138	1150	1083	94.17

						B.C	om							
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks		Perce- ntage
1		17BCOM52069	ANUSHKA SARASWAT	332	331	321	255	540		548		2700	2327	86.19
2		17BCOM51032	REENA R	337	342	332	228	512		508		2700	2259	83.67

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#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max	Total Marks	
			Candidate									Marks	Obtained	ntage
1	EJP	17EJP15044	NIKHITA THOMAS	109	123	110	84	108	132	11	111	1150	898	78.09
2	EJP	17EJP15038	SANDRA JIJU	104	105	104	77	111	127	119	108	1150	855	74.35

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#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	BSW	17BSW42030	MRIDULA T	92	96	97	100					400	385	96.25
2	CEZ	17CEZ33016	GREESHMA VINOD	88	100	97	99					400	384	96

					E	B.Com	n BPS							
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	V	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	B Com. BPS	17BPS55016	SANJANA S	344	347	335	235	515		564		2700	2340	86.67
2	B Com. BPS	17BPS55013	PREETHI PRABHA- KARAN	316	333	315	227	517		516		2700	2224	82.37

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#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	B.Voc.	17VOA43006	SANDHYA RAMAN	431	426	458	399	470		569		3600	2753	76.47
2	B.Voc.	17VOA43014	AAFIA FEROZ ISMAIL	434	402	445	360	476		548		3600	2665	74.03

			VIS	SUAL	MEDI	A &ar	np; Fl	LM M	AKIN	G				
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	B.Voc.	17VOF44039	NIDHI REJITHLAL	444	455	430	432	484		448		3600	2693	74.81
2	B.Voc.	17VOF44006	ROSHAN ANTONY	420	406	441	408	426		512		3600	2613	72.58

				EN	VIRON	MEN	TAL S	CIENO	CE					
#	COMB	REG. No.	Name of	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max	Total Marks	Perce-
			Candidate									Marks	Obtained	ntage
1	CEB	17CEB32005	SAHANA K	131	141	144	99	90	140	131	188	1150	1064	92.50
2	CEZ	17CEZ33004	SHREYAS MANDYAM	135	137	137	87	83	129	138	186	1150	1032	89.74

	COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH													
#	СОМВ	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i	ii	iii	iv	v	v	vi	vi	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Perce- ntage
1	CPE	17CPE16006	RACHEL S. LYNGDOH	114	109	115	71	115	117	118	111	1150	870	75.65
2	CPE	17CPE16056	GODWIN GEORGE	107	103	117	79	109	122	107	108	1150	852	74.09

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	ECONOMICS											
#	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i 500	ii 500	iii 450	iv 500	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage			
1	18ECO61016	AKHILA MANTAPA UPADHYA	427	420	381	425	1950	1653	84.77			
2	18ECO61019	R ANUSH HARIHARAN	434	414	397	412	1950	16.39	84.05			

	BIG DATA ANALYTICS											
#	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i 500	ii 500	iii 450	iv 500	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage			
6	18BDA71009	DAISY RHEA DHARWADKAR	813	815	797	184	3150	2609	82.83			
7	18BDA71059	S HARINI	791	795	800	174	3150	2560	81.27			

	BOTANY										
#	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i 500	ii 500	iii 450	iv 500	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage		
11	18BOT72024	SACHIN B	541	537	445	592	2350	2115	90		
12	18BOT72006	BHAVYA. D	525	549	428	580	2350	2082	88.6		

	CHEMISTRY										
#	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i 500	ii 500	iii 450	iv 500	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage		
16	18CHE73019	NIKHIL N RAO	633	615	568	274	2300	2090	90.87		
17	18CHE73010	SUJANA C	611	591	554	268	2300	2024	88		

	ENGLISH											
#	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i 500	ii 500	iii 450	iv 500	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage			
21	18ENG62001	DE SOUZA NADIA EMA MARIA	383	361	354	418	1950	1516	77.74			
22	18ENG62003	SINAI SANCOU ARCHA DATARAJ	378	369	357	409	1950	1513	77.59			

	JOURNALISM										
#	REG. No.	Name of	i	ii	iii	iv	Max	Total Marks	Percentage		
		Candidate	500	500	450	500	Marks	Obtained			
26	18COM63022	NITHIN E ANTONY	583	450	354	399	2400	1786	74.42		
27	18COM63012	VANI VINOD	527	474	347	437	2400	1785	74.38		

	MATHEMATICS										
#	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i 500	ii 500	iii 450	iv 500	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage		
31	18MAT76003	MEGHANA P V	545	569	435	484	2150	2033	94.56		
32	18MAT76002	SUHITH K N	549	570	434	478	2150	2031	94.47		

	COMMERCE										
#	REG. No.	Name of	i	ii	iii	iv	Max	Total Marks	Percentage		
		Candidate	500	500	450	500	Marks	Obtained			
36	18MCOM81028	PRADEEP P	425	452	446	536	2300	1859	80.83		
37	18MCOM81004	J. TEENA MARIA RANI	431	404	415	569	2300	1819	79.09		

	MICROBIOLOGY										
#	REG. No.	Name of	i	ii	iii	iv	Max	Total Marks	Percentage		
		Candidate	500	500	450	500	Marks	Obtained			
41	18MIC75001	ANN IRENE. D. SHILPA	420	475	425	318	1950	1638	84		
42	18MIC75003	APOORVA D	414	487	431	303	1950	1635	83.85		

	COMPUTER SCIENCE											
#	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i 500	ii 500	iii 450	iv 500	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage			
46	18MCS74002	HARINI R	506	599	426	445	2300	1976	85.91			
47	18MCS74006	P.M.JERALD PANNER SELVAM	532	587	396	423	2300	1938	84.26			

	SOCIAL WORK										
#	REG. No.	Name of	i	ii	iii	iv	Max	Total Marks	Percentage		
		Candidate	500	500	450	500	Marks	Obtained			
51	18MSW65015	KAJOL SINGH	426	485	520	613	2650	2044	77.13		
52	18MSW65008	ANJALI I R	464	505	486	575	2650	2030	76.6		

PHYSICS									
#	REG. No.	Name of	i	ii	iii	iv	Max	Total Marks	Percentage
		Candidate	500	500	450	500	Marks	Obtained	
56	18PHY77017	DINESH D	504	394	456	392	2150	1746	81.21
57	18PHY77021	RANDA NILOFER K	469	400	434	418	2150	1721	80.05

	POLITICAL SCIENCE								
#	REG. No.	Name of Candidate	i 500	ii 500	iii 450	iv 500	Max Marks	Total Marks Obtained	Percentage
61	18PLS64007	K.M.MANISHA	372	386	320	401	1900	1479	77.84
62	18PLS64027	SHIVANI PATHAK	333	382	296	404	1900	1415	74.47

# AWARDS UNDER NCC/NSS/SPORTS/BEST OUTGOING/ STUDENT COUNCIL/EXTRAORDINARY WORK

	BEST CADET	
1 KAR AIR SQN NCC		
	1. CSUO Lalrohlui Colney	18PMC23067
	2. CSUO Chirag Sagar	18PMC23067
	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	
	1. LFC Chandra Bhushan	18PEM22048
	2. Cadet Nishant Garg	18EPS12103
	3. CDT CPL E HRISHIKESH	19BPS55052
	4. CDT CPL Elizabeth Kuriakose	19IFA56060
1 KAR ARMD SQN NCC	BEST CADET	
TP – 3	1. CSUO. Allen. I. Fernandes	18PCM21005
	SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT	
	1. CJUO. Suraj Sen	20IES30
	2. CPL. Isha Tojan	19JIP17055
	SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	1000721026
	1. CQMS Armaan Eddya 2. L/CPL Ankitha K V	19CBZ31026 19JIP17038
	3. CDT. Nayana Chandrika	20CMS55
	S. CDT. Nayana Chandrika	20010355
	Cadet volunteers who worked at the Covid	
	Care Centre	
	1. CDT. Ajaib Abbas M	20HEP088
	2. CDT. Syed Atib	20EPS073
	3. CDT. Rahul Singh	20HEP080
	4. CDT. Rushil Ram G A 5. CDT. Nithish Kumar	20MEC20
	6. CDT. Dimpi Karjee	20IES053 20EPS081
	7. CDT. Livencee Marandi	20HEP054
	List of cadets worked at the volunteering tele-	
	communications service, organized by	
	Rotaract Banglaore West	
	1. CDT. Samuel P James	19BBAR59085
	2. CDT. Seema R	19CBZ31050
	3. CDT. Abhay Pratap Singh	20MEC22
	4. CDT. Sharath Shaji Thomas	20CZBT65
	5. CDT. VK Vishal Gowda	20BCOMA030
	6. CDT. Satvik KS	20CBT28
	7. CDT. Chandan N 8. CDT. Bhoomika M	20CMS17 20IES091
	9. CDT. Drithi P	201FA049
	10. CDT. Sakthi Swetha S P	20CMS56
	11. CDT. Patricia Rebecca	20CBZ02
	12. CDT. Asha Ramachandran	20EPS029

NSS Unit -1	1. Yadhunandhan 2. Suguna		18PEM22021 19BCOM52015
	3. Nandhini		19BPS55047
	4. Asad Ullah		18EPS12003
	5. Pavan kumar M		18PEM22031
	6. John Jestin A		18MEC24028
	7. Alvin Daniel V		18BCA41031
NSS Unit -2	1. Sharan Kumar S 2. Joshmina		18PMC23005
	3. Pallavi L		18BCOM54016 18CEB32031
	4. Stephen Raj		18CCM51016
	1. Aslan Mohammad Ibra 2. Evangeline Sharon Bh		19HEP11092 19HEP11001
	3. Rohitha Chowdry P	uvalla	20JIP020
	4. Alex Chethan A		18BCOM54073
	5. Franklin S B		18BCOM51008
	6. Rohit D		18BCOM51036
	7. V Steve Wagh		18BCOM51032
	8. J Daniel Michael Roy		18BCOM51035
SPORTS	9. Christy Nandhan J		18BCOM52064
	10. Murali T		18BPS55054
	11. Aaron Joshua M		18BCA41037
	12. Manoj M		18HEP11006
	13. Gurudeep S Gowda		19HEP11025
	14. Manoj Kumar K V		19BCOM51041
	15. Sushant Goyal		19MEC24034
	16. Kushee M Jain		20EPS033
	17. Sachin Raj .P		18IES13063
Award for extra ordinary	Community Service	1. Suraj SK	18BSW42043
work in national and in- ternational level		2. Bharath R	18CBZ31009
(2020-21)	Environment	James Keith Hoover	18CZBT37049
	POST	NAME	REGISTER NUMBER
	President	Shruthi Merin Lal	18IES13077
	Vice President	Anusha B.S	18PMC23025
	General Secretary	Angeline Katherina	19VOA43018
	Treasurer	James Keith Hoover	18CZBT37049
Student Council 2020-21	Joint Secretary	Michelle Stanley	19MCOM81055
	Cultural Secretaries	1. Aditi Sinha	18BCOM53057
		2. Israrahmed Adur	18CBT36056
		3. Malavika Nandan	18CPE160063
		4. Franklin Joseph H	18BCA41054

	Assistant Cultural Secretaries	1. Preetal A.S 2. Suraj S Naik 3. Sushmita Lama	18BCOM52016 18CZBT37048 19VOA43028
	Sport Secretaries	1. Ralph Rajamathi 2. Arun T	18PCM21039 18HEP11090
	Physical Science (UG)	Ralph Rajamathi	18PCM21039
	Natural Science (UG)	Bharath R	18CBZ31009
	Social Science (UG)	Malavika Nandan	18CPE16063
Best Outgoing Student for the year 2020-21	Commerce (UG)	Aditi Sinha	18BCOM53057
	Professional Course (UG)	Suraj SK	18BSW42043
	PG (Arts/Professional)	Michelle Stanley	19MCOM81055
	PG (Science)	Vivek Bhabani Lama	19MAT76008



# SCHOOL OF INDIAN AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES





# **DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**

# Writing Auto Ethnography: An Online Panel Discussion

heDepartmentofEnglish conducted a panell discussion on 'Writing Autoethnography' on July 26, 2020. The panellists were Ms. Vijeta Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of English; Dipannita Mukherjee, II MA English; and Ms. Anguna Ananita, an alumna, who had submitted an autoethnographic paper as part of her research for the paper on 'Resisting Caste'. The panel shed light on how Anquna wrote her autoethnographic paper, in which she looked at her own history, and that of her family, through the lens of caste.

# Mixer Week & Association Inaugurals

The department launched its association activities for the year on August 24 at 6 pm. This was followed by a week of interactive programmes titled Mixer Week run by the department's five associations.

## **Fandoms and Fanwork**

The panel on Fandoms and Fanwork, conducted on November 9 from 6 pm on Microsoft Teams, was moderated by Ms. Shefali Matthew and consisted of panelists Vismaya Vishwa, Nirmala Cynthia, and Angelin Jose. The panelists discuss their love for the world of fanart and fanfiction by describing their personal experiences with creating and consuming content.

#### **Staff Causerie**

he department conducted its first causerie of the academic vear on August 8, 2020. Ms. Shefali Matthew, Assistant Professor, convened the event. The event was mediated by Dipanitha Mukherjee, a student from II MA English. Ms. Shefali Matthew has authored a paper titled, "Calvin and Hobbes: Real? Not Real?" It commenced with a brief explanation of the paper by the host who also provided her insights and interpretations of reality in fiction and writing in general. She also emphasised on the vast reach that Children's literature has on readers across the globe regardless of the age of the reader.

The second online Staff Causerie was conducted on September 24, 2020. The speakers were introduced by Ms.Shefali Matthew who moderated the session. The first speaker was Ms. Parul Batra who titled her session "Duncan Checks In" which was an exploration of Isadora Duncan's story and her contribution to contemporary art. The second speaker was Ms. Jyothsna K whose session was titled, "Looking Glass Self" and was an exploration of her own experiences as a teacher in the light of the novel, Trick Mirror: Reflections on Self-Delusion by Jia Tolentino.

The department conducted another staff causerie on September 16, 2020. The speakers for the session were Ms. Rency Thomas and Ms. Vijeta Kumar. In a conversation moderated by Ms. Shefali Matthew, Ms. Thomas highlighted the challenges and rewards of immortalising memories through writing. Ms. Vijeta Kumar, in her segment titled; Women and Writing; spoke of her love for the work of Dawn Powell and Fran Lebowitz. She elucidated on the writing culture among women authors in New York City and their unapologetic approach to their work.



The fourth edition of the Staff Causerie was conducted on October 1,2020. Ms. Shefali Mathew welcomed the audience and introduced the speakers. Ms. Maya Philip spoke about the Malayalam novel Othapp written by Sara Joseph and how it helped her understand more about her own history in her session titled "Understanding Hometowns and Home-truths". Ms. Drishti Rakhra, the next speaker, was introduced by Ms. Shefali Mathew as someone who inspires others to write. Ms. Rakhra introduced the audience to Miranda July, an author who constantly inspires her in her session titled, "Writing in July".

The department conducted its fifth online Staff Causerie on October 8, 2020. The first session was conducted by Dr. Amrita Banerjee who discussed and presented her opinion about Education and Nationalism in Tarun Majumdar's films. Her session was titled "The Failing Bangalee." The second session was conducted by Dr. Cheriyan Alexander on "The Novelist as Jokester" where he discussed and re-read Milan Kundera's book, The Joke.

The sixth Causerie began at 4pm on 22 October, 2020, and was facilitated by Ms. Amanda D'Souza who introduced the speakers. Dr. Geetha Rathod talked about her research on the Lambanis of Karnataka and their language and literature. Mr. Christy Thomas, whose topic was Basil Joseph and his films, began with a short introduction into Malayalam cinema and the fact that it generally focuses on socioeconomic themes as opposed to cinema from other parts of the country. He went on to introduce Basil Joseph to the viewers before talking about the Cinematic Universe' within the films.

On October 28, 2020, the department organized a Staff Causerie in order to introduce two new professors, Mr. Pramod Harle and Dr. Muthukumar, and welcome them into the department. The session began with Dr. Arul Mani, Head of the Department, introducing the session and the first speaker, Mr. Pramod Harle. His causerie was based on microhistories and this topic tied in very well with his research. The next part of the session titled 'From Secession to Infusion' by Dr. Muthukumar was about the troubled history of the North East, specifically the lesser-known history of the conflict between Nagaland and mainland India. The department conducted its eighth Causerie on October 29, 2020. The first session was conducted by Mr Vinay BS who discussed and presented his transition from a science student to an academic of the arts and humanities, bridging perspectives of science and arts through journalism. The second session was conducted by Ms. Micah Thambi, a professor from the Department of English. Ms. Thambi conducted a session titled 'Narratives of Conspiracy and Paranoia' where she discussed and presented her research of post-millennial myth fiction and thriller novels, with its connections to political agendas.



#### **Voice Culture Workshop**

aking the current changes in academia into consideration, a Voice Culture workshop for online classes was organized by the Department of English for its faculty on the 20th and 27th of March 2021. The resource person for the workshop was theatre artist and voice coach Mr. Nazarius Manoharan. Over the course of the workshop Mr. Manoharan provided the faculty an insight into multiple aspects of voice training like three circles of energy, voice modulation and dynamics, pace, pause, pitch and intonations among other things.

#### BOS

he Department of English had its Board of Studies meeting on May 3, 2021, on Microsoft Teams. The meeting was organised in three rounds. The BoS for Journalism and Communicative English was at 9 am. Mr. Simon Varghese, NSOJ was the University Nominee. Mr Nithin Manayath, MCC, and Mr. Sachin Ravikumar, Reuters, were also part of the Board, in addition to the faculty members of the department. The BoS for Theatre Studies was held next, at 11.30 am. The external members of the Board were Dr. T.H. Lavakumar (SJCC), Mr. Nazarius Manoharan, Ms. C.K. Meena, and Mr. Philip Victor. The BoS for all other UG and PG papers were held at 2 pm. Dr. Roopa Philip (JNC), Dr. Nitya Vasudevan, Ms. Vismaya V, were the external members of the Board.

# Design Thinking for Innovation & Entrepreneurship

n March 29,2021 students of II MA English attended a talk on Design Thinking organized by the Department of English. The speaker was Mr. Nazarius Manoharan who took up the theme of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the field of Humanities. Mr. Manoharan started his talk by asking the students to think of a question that they wanted to ask him. He gave the class some time to think of any question assuring the class that no question would be wrong. Mr. Manoharan introduced us to design thinking and how to strategically and practically create while we design and develop concepts and how to use it in our work. d speaking to him directly.

## Slavery: Millions of Stories Untold and Unheard

Panelists Juje, Shreya and Roshan, students of I MA English began their discussion and dissemination of slavery on their panel at 5:30pm on MS Teams on May 6, 2021. The panel was conducted under the department's public communication initiative.

# Native Americans: An Erasure and Reclamation of Spaces

The I MA English Initiative conducted a panel on the Erasure and Reclamation of Native American Spaces on May 7, 2021. Panellists Wesley, Anushka, and Shona, discussed the issue of indigenous erasure, particularly that of the Native Americans by colonial settlers.

# Bangalore Brit-Lit Movie Party: Day 1 & 2

ay 1 hosted by I MA students started at 4:30 pm on May 4, 2021. The Brit-Lit Movie Party was a viewing party of the videos made by the students of I M A as part of their British Literature public communication classes. The first video was a modern take on Dr. Faustus presented in a play format. The second video was the presentation of a Shakespearean sonnet by Maria, Delphina and Alice using a puppet show. The third video was of Shona Desilva presenting a monologue by Mephistophilis from Dr.Faustus. The fourth video was a "Humans of Bangalore" take on Shakespeare's sonnets. The fifth video was a presentation titled, "Sin, Damnation and Redemption in Dr.Faustus by Christopher Marlowe". The sixth video was a presentation of a Baconian monologue by Swathi titled, "Bedtime Bacon".

The second day of their watch party on May 5, 2021, showcased various performance videos of stories and plays. The first video shown was a fairytale narrated by a student and animated as a comic; short but fascinating, the performance was greatly enjoyed. Next, viewers were treated to an Apple Animoji enactment of the Shakespeare Play, 'The Merry Wives of Windsor.' What followed was an interesting presentation on Christopher Marlow and the Art of Characterization through a study of his play 'The Tragical History of Dr. Faustus.'

#### **Staff Achievements**

#### Dr. Arul Mani

Arul Mani, Head of the Dr. Department of English, penned several columns for Deccan Herald's Saturday supplement 'Showtime'. The details of the articles are as follows: 'The first response to a virus terror is a fairy tale' published on March 20, 2020; 'The hidden politics of Asterix' published on April 11, 2020; 'A minute is all it takes' published April 18, 2020; 'Irrfan Khan &; Rishi Kapoor, gone too soon' published on May 1, 2020; 'The peripheries that Nissar Ahmad saw' published on May 10, 2020; 'For B V Karanth, greatness

didn't mean taking credit published on September 26, 2020; 'The Italian spin on a mythical American past' published on July 10, 2020; and 'Beyond Bond films: remembering published Sean Connery' on November 6, 2020. Dr. Arul Mani also served as a Resource Person for an Online Faculty Development Programme organised by St. Joseph's College of Law, titled 'Approaches and Challenges to Interdisciplinary Research', held from August 5-7, 2020.

#### **Dr. Etienne Rassendren**

Dr. Etienne Rassendren, Associate Professor, served as a speaker for a special online lecture titled 'Subalternity, Gender and Representation: Revisiting Spivak', held on May 16, 2020 from 11 am to 1 pm, organised by the Department of English, Bangalore University. On June 11, Dr. Rassendren published a paper titled 'Ethics and Pestilence: Discerning the Greater Common Good and Mutual Reciprocity' in the Journal of Dharma, Vol 45 No 2 (2020), a SCOPUS- indexed journal. He served as a resource person for a webinar titled 'COVID-19 and The Human Condition' organised by the Department of English, St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru on July 4, 2020 from 10:30 am to 1 pm. He also served as a speaker at an International Webinar Series on 'Negotiating Postcolonial Spaces' organised by St. Joseph's Evening College (Autonomous and Reaccredited) in collaboration with Christ (Deemed to be)

University, Bangalore. He served as a resource person for a threeday international webinar titled 'Neither East nor West: Vistas of Postcolonial Discourses', organised by the Department of English, Women's College, Agartala, Tripura. Dr. Rassendren spoke on the topic 'Critical Regionalism: Thinking Through Postcoloniality' on day one of this programme, viz. August 17, 2020.

#### Dr. Amrita Banerjee

Banerjee, Assistant Dr. Amrita Professor, Department of English, served as Resource person for the National level workshop on 'Gender and Research Writing' organised by the UGC Centre for Women Studies, Vimala College (Autonomous), Thrissur on 2 February, 2021. Dr. Banerjee spoke on the topic 'Women in Nationalist Historiography: Researching the Archives'. The Workshop was held on Google Meet, with around 50 participants. She also served as a speaker at a Special Web-Talk on 'Revisioning History: A Postcolonial Perspective', organised by The Department of English, North Bengal St. Xavier's College, Raiganj, on July 13, 2020 at 11 am on Google Meet.

## Dr. M. Muthukumar

Dr. M. Muthukumar, Assistant Professor, Department of English, served as resource person for a one-day webinar on 'Introduction to North-Eastern Writing in English' conducted by PG and Research Department of English, Government College for Women (A), Kumbakonam.

# Mr. Pramod Harle

Mr. Pramod Harle, Assistant Professor, Department of English, presented a paper titled "Praying through the Pandemic: Praying through the Pandemic: An autoethnographic study of St. Mary's Feast, Bangalore in 2020'; at a national conference on The Story: Life Narratives of Experience, Memory, Identity and Agency organised by Kristu Jayanti College, Autonomous, Bengaluru, from March 25-26, 2021.

#### Ms. Micah Thambi

Ms. Micah Thambi, Assistant Professor, Department of English, presented a paper titled "She holds the sword too,": Understanding the neo-nationalist womanhood in contemporary Indian English myth-fiction' at DCU's 4th Annual Conference on South Asia on April 30, 2021.

#### Ms. Vijeta Kumar

Ms. Vijeta Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of English, published a short fiction for Identity in Volume 7 of the Helter Skelter Anthology of New Writing, 2021. She published By Ponnuthai's Side, a profile of photographer Jaisingh Nageswaran for The White Review in April 2021. She published Wait for me in the corner and I'll tell you how I ran away from home, an essay on writer Dawn Powell for the LARB's new channel Literature Around the World in June 2021. Ms. Vijeta Kumar also published Between Rage and Silence: being Dalit on Twitter, a chapter for the peer-reviewed journal, 'Feminist Media Studies', Volume 21, 2021 for Issue 1 of Routledge publishing. She wrote the Foreword for 'Fiery Tales of Courage and Resilience', a graphic book published by WSS (Women against sexual violence and state repression) in April 2021. She wrote a book chapter titled 'Selfmade vs Self Respect: The Politics of Belonging in Zoya Akhtar's Films': The Films of Zoya Akhtar' published by the Edinburgh University Press, 2021. She published an essay titled 'Give A Dalit Man A Pair Of Scissors, And He'll Show You What Freedom Is' for HuffPost in October 2020. She also conducted 'Creative Reading &qt; Creative Writing', a two-hour writing workshop, conducted for the students of Uzbekistan State World Languages University in August 2020. She was the Guest speaker for a talk on 'Gender and Higher Education' at Baduku Community College in August 2020. She gave a quest lecture on Autoethnography at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, in November 2020. She was a quest reader at 'Mother

Tongues', a multilingual open mic at The American Poetry Museum, September 2020. She was the guest speaker for a talk on 'How to talk about caste in classrooms?' conducted by Study Hall Education Foundation in October 2020. She was the quest speaker for a talk on 'Marriage and the Caste System' conducted by Telangana Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society, January 12, 2021. She presented a paper titled 'Who Owns Shakespeare?' at "Shakespeare in the 'Post' Colonies: What's Shakespeare to Them, or They to Shakespeare?" organised by the Shakespeare Association of America on April 2, 2021. She was the guest speaker for a talk on 'Issues at the Periphery - a talk on caste and diversity' organised by the DEI change makers' program, May 2021. She gave a guest lecture on 'The polyphonic I. Who is I and when do you tell her to shut up?' at Azim Premji University on May 13, 2021. She was a panellist for a dramatic reading and discussion of Ismat Chugtai's Lihaaf organised by Belongg library network in collaboration with Lahe Lahe in June 2021.

## Ms. Drishti Rakhra

Ms.Drishti Rakhra, Assistant Professor, Department of English, presented a poster at the University of Staffordshire conference Communities and Communication. The poster presentation was titled 'Re-reading Intimacy on Instagram'. The conference was held on April 24, 2021. Ms. Drishti Rakhra's review of Elena Ferrante's The Lying Life of Adults was published in Huffpost India in October, 2020.

# Ms. Vijayshanti Murthy

Ms. Vijayashanti Murthy, Assistant Professor, Department of English, was invited for a panel discussion on Mental Health and Caste by Smartmoves, a platform for visual arts, as part of their Expressive Conversations series on February 12, 2021. She published an article titled 'My Ancestors Lived the Lives Shown in Enjoy Enjaami, Getting Us Where We Are Now' in the online magazine 'Women's Web' on March 20, 2021. Ms. Murthy was invited to give a lecture on 'Women's Representation and Feminist Lens in Indian Cinema' by Baduku Community College on May 16, 2021. She published an article titled 'Why Intercaste Marriages Need to be Sensitive to Gender and Caste to be Successful', in the online magazine 'Women's Web' on June 4, 2021. She was also invited as a guest by The Brekking Point with Nalme Nachiyar, a podcast, for a conversation on Big Joys of Small Eateries on June 8, 2021. She co-authored a manual along with authors, Rajkumari Nimable and Roshen Chandran for an organisation called Children Believe from April to

September, 2020. Ms. Murthy also facilitated a training program for trainers at the same organisation.

#### Ms. Navya Dennis

Ms. Navya Dennis, Assistant Professor, Department of English, presented a paper titled 'Into Bhasha through English - Lost and Gained in Translation in the phase of Online Learning' at an international conference on 'Electronic Textual Cultures: A Study of Digital Literature and Literature in Digital Spaces' organized by the Department of Indian and World Literatures at The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, from March 9-12, 2021. She also presented a paper titled 'Oral Histories of Chavittnadakam with respect to Performance and Spectatorship' at the national webinar on 'Performance Narratives' organised by the Department of English, Postgraduate centre, Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), Bengaluru on March 20, 2021.

## Dr. Mini Mark Bonjour

Dr. Mini Mark Bonjour, PG Coordinator, Department of English, was a resource person at a national seminar on 'Literature and Interpretation: An Exploration' organized by Morning Star Home Science College, Angamaly South, Kerala on August 1, 2020.

#### Ms. Maya Philip

Ms. Maya Philip, Assistant Professor, Department of English, was invited for a panel discussion titled 'Insider Sessions' by Lekh-Haq, a culture impact cinema company, on the movie 'Kumbalangi Nights' on May 30, 2021.

## Ms. Rajalekshmi L S

Ms. Rajalekshmi L S, Teaching

Assistant, Department of English, was invited for a panel discussion titled 'Insider Sessions' by Lekh-Haq, a culture impact cinema company, on the movie 'Kumbalangi Nights' on May 30, 2021.

#### Prof. Nadika Nadia

Prof. Nadika, Assistant Professor, Department of English, reviewed Thangam movie for the anthology Paava Kadhaigal for Tamil Magazine Neelam in January, 2021.

#### Ms. Shefali Elizabeth Mathew

Ms. Shefali Elizabeth Mathew, Assistant Professor, was second author for a paper titled, '*Lexical Cohesion in ESL Writing*' published in Vol 8. Issue 2 (April – June 2020) of Research Journal of English Language and Literature.

#### Mr. Mark Abraham

Mr. Abraham published a paper titled 'Striking balance between the technology and the environment in Amitav Ghosh's The Hungry Tide' in Shodh Sarita - Journal of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, a UGC-Care journal.

#### Ms. Amanda D'Souza

Ms. Amanda D'Souza presented a paper titled 'A Flight from Reality as a Journey Towards Identity: Exploring Selfhood Through Escape and Metamorphosis in the Animorphs Series' at the International Conference on The Possible and Impossible Worlds of Science Fiction, organised by the Department of English, St. Andrew's College, Mumbai, on September 12-13, 2020.

### **Other Staff Achievements**

Ms. Shefali Mathew, Ms. Amanda D'Souza, and Ms. Rajalekshmi L S attended an online teacher training programme titled 'ProAct Digital Teacher'. The programme was organised and conducted by Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA), Chennai, and held from June 15 to June 22, 2020. Ms. Shefali Mathew, Ms. Amanda D'Souza, and Ms. Rajalekshmi L S also served as Resource Persons and Organisers for the Faculty Development Programme titled 'SJC Digital Teacher ' held from June 25, 2020 to June 30, 2020, training the faculty members of the college in Asynchronous and Synchronous Learning Tools. They repeated this training for the professors who joined college this academic year, at a week-long Faculty Development Programme organised for them, titled 'Induction Programme'.

#### Mr. Christy Thomas

Mr. Christy Thomas successfully completed and was awarded certificates for a total of 34 MOOCs.

#### **Student Achievements**

esmona de Melo presented a paper titled 'Migration, Development and the Goan Environment: A Rereading of Mauzo's Short Stories' at a national conference on 'Cultural Crossings: Diffusing Borders' organized by Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, Karnataka, on February 11, 2021. She presented another paper titled 'Motherhood and Catholicism in Katharine Tynan's Poetry' at the 'International Virtual Conference on Gender Studies and Women Empowerment' organized by National Institute of Technology, Agartala, on April 18, 2021. She also presented a paper titled 'Building a Deeper Awareness of Self and Society: An Autoethnographic Study of Caste in Goa' at an international conference on 'Memory and Narrativization: History, Culture and the Self through Creative Expression'

organized by Binghamton University and Christ Deemed to be University, on April 16, 2021.

Aishwarya C Chandavarkar presented a paper titled 'Christie's Marple: A Study of Empowerment through Feminine Characterisation' at the 'International Virtual Conference on Gender Studies and Women Empowerment' organized by National Institute of Technology, Agartala, on April 18, 2021.

Nikita Chung presented a paper titled 'Poetics, Art and The Black Bauhinia Flag' at a national seminar on 'Art, Protest and Politics 2020' organized by Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru, on February 15, 2021. She presented another paper titled 'Surrealism and the Woman: through the works of Eileen Agar' at the 'International Virtual Conference on Gender Studies and Women Empowerment' organized by National Institute of Technology, Agartala, on April 17, 2021.

Radhika Chatterjee presented a paper titled 'Wyndham's Post War Humanism in John Wyndham's Day of the Triffids' on April 30, 2021.

Sasha Elaine Barreto presented a paper titled 'Caste encounters: An assemblage of body memories from that of a child to an adult' at a national conference on 'The Story: Life Narratives of Experience, Memory, Identity and Agency' organized by Kristu Jayanti College Autonomous), Bengaluru, Karnataka, on March 25, 2021.

Anika Eliz Baby, published an article titled 'Throwback Tuberculosis' in the online magazine, Helter Skelter, on June 21, 2021.

Saishyam Srikanth of III EJP published articles titled 'Arjun Erigaisi - a peaceful warrior and the future of Indian chess', 'P.V. Nandhidhaa: Engineer, India no.7 and a future GM', '19 years old and 2585 Elo - the story of Delhi boy Aryan Chopra', 'P. Iniyan's road from Erode to Sochi', 'The Pride of Pune: Abhimanyu Puranik' for ChessBase India.

Vikas Bhatt of III EJP published articles titled 'Was French Biryani Delicious Enough? Movie review 001', 'Single Screen Theaters - A Dying Story', 'Best Benne Masale Dose in Town', Shutters go down on Bengaluru's favorites', 'Bengaluru's solidarity with the city's sports clubs', 'Drone Pratap - Science or Scam?' for NewsHamster.

Vijay C of III EJP published an article titled 'Prostate and Patriarchy' on Agents of Ishq.

R Shishma Jeevitha of III EJP published an article titled 'Familiarizing the Unfamiliar' on MagTwentyTwenty.

Anika Eliz Baby of III EJP published articles titled 'Dear Girls Who Sent Nudes, Thank you!' and 'Uncle's Fault' for Agents of Ishq, 'Vijay P Nair Case: Why My Feminism is Loud and Destructive' for Feminism In India, 'The Bloody Letter' for MagTwentyTwenty, 'The Curious Case of Cervical Cancer' for Smashboard, 'Throwback Tuberculosis' for HelterSkelter Mag, 'Aftermath of Slavery- Carribean Countries Insist Europe Must Pay Debts', 'COVID Penalties:Authoritarianism in the guise of Social Control', 'Young Women Win Big in Kerala Local Body Elections', '#JusticeForSnehlata: Dalit Girl Burnt Alive by 'Upper' Caste Men in Andhra Pradesh', 'Hathras, Love Jihad law, and Beef Ban: How Manusmriti continues to influence our lives' for Gauri Lankesh News.

Nikhita Raaj of III EJP published articles titled 'Cancel Culture - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly', 'Sharan Sharma as Gunjan Saxena, the Kargil Girl Aims High and Lands Smoothly', 'Is SSR and Nepotism Debate an Outcry of the middle class?', 'Shakuntala Devi- Do the Numbers Add Up?', 'All You Need to Know About the Riots that have Broke Out', 'The Kangana Controversy - a Timeline of Events' for Newshamster.

Annie Louis of III EJP published a short story titled 'Summer' on INKSPIRE and personal essays titled 'To Heal' on Esthesia and 'Njanjan Veedu' on The Whineyard.

Nikhita Thomas of the EJP 2017 batch cleared the EFLU Hyderabad Entrance for MA English.

Chinmay Manoj from 2016 EJP cleared the MA Comparative Literature Entrance at EFLU.

Rohit Ravichandran of the 2017 EJP batch topped the EFLU Entrance for Journalism.

# Association Activities Nous Nosecut

osecut was held on August 29, 2020, via Microsoft Teams, by SJC Nous, an association under the Department of English. It started at 5.15 PM, and there were 5 teams that participated. The first individual participant was Anirudh Nair, from III EJP, who portrayed LeBron James, the second being Diya Haneena, from II EJP, who took part as Rakhi Sawant. The third individual participant was Prithvi, from II EJP, who took part as Eminem. Maahir and Gingo, former EJP students, played Narendra Modi. The final team was Ankitha and John, from II JIP, who portrayed Donald Trump.

### **Listening Post**

Note: the second edition of Listening Post this semester, featuring speaker Drishti Sahay (III CPE) on November

7. Sahay was asked to elaborate on her taste in music and the influences that contributed to her currently held preference for the indie pop/ rock genre.

# SJC Performing Arts Society Voice-So-Serious

oice-So-Serious was an online event that took place on Day 4, August 27, of mixer week from 5:30 pm. Students were encouraged to use their creativity to dub short films with scripts they had written. Fatema Zavery (III EJP) was the host of the event and introduced the first team consisting of Malavika Vinayan (II EJP), Nithya (III EJP), Anisto (II HEP), and Aishwarya (II CPE). The first short film was a humorous take on a zombie invasion and was described by Malvika Vinavan as "a creative outlet in the time of the pandemic." Sarang Jayaraj (III CPE) introduced the next short film which was a satire, described as a "sarcastic take on the life of a common man". His team consisted of Priyanshu (II EJP), Medha(III CPE), and Rohan(III CPE).

# Linguistics Society Wordnik

s part of Mixer week, the Linguistics Society conducted its first event 'Wordnik' on August 31, 2020, hosted by Dr.Arul Mani. The event was conducted in 3 rounds. Round one was clarifying the sentence by adding a word or a phrase, Round two was word ladder and the last round was 'say it in Shitkil' was a translation round. Participation was in teams of two, 10 teams participated in the event. The winners of the event were, Keith Jordan (II MEC) and Andrea Aishwarya (II BSW) followed by Dipannita Mukherji (II MA) and Aishwarya Chandavarkar (II MA) in

second place, and Gautami N B (III EJP) and Anika Baby (III EJP) who won third place.

#### Panic! At the Parlour - Misogynistic Media

n April 29, 2021, this event was hosted by The Linguistics Society as part of a series of events titled Linguini. The session focused on feminist stylistics and gendered writing in the media, specifically in Indian advertisements that overgeneralized facts about women. Attendees of the session looked into Sexist Language, Misogyny, and Phallocentrism in these advertisements.

#### Linguascope

he Linguistic Society conducted Linguascope on May 4, 2021 L at 5:30 pm. Linguascope is an initiative to uncover hidden languages. The event encourages students to discover and talk about unique, unknown languages. The event was hosted by Archa from II CPE and was mediated by Devansh Arora and Dupee Taipoda from II CPE. Devansh who was the first speaker of the day spoke about the language Multani and presented its origin, dialect, etc. to the audience. Dupee, who was the second speaker, spoke about the language Galo and its origin, dialect and nuances to the audience.

#### Lean on Language

his was a two day event that took place on the 19th and 20th of May 2021 where the students of MA English hosted an event that explored the intricacies of languages. Students presented various videos they had made on the nuances found in different languages. Some of the languages spoken about were Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam etc. The presentations explored phonetics, similarities in Indian languages to others and much more.

# SJC Literary Society Arre Bhashe

ay five of Mixer Week saw the much-touted event Arre Bhashe happening on August 28, 2020. Conducted by SJC Literary Society, the programme had Vineet Correa from III EJP in conversation with Ms. Wilma Laveena D'Souza from the Department of Mathematics about her recently published poems in Konkani that won the Sahitya Academy YuvaPuraskar.

#### Metonym 2020

etonym is an inter-class literary competition organised by the Literary Society featuring events from all of the department's five associations. This year, the fest was conducted from September 16-22, 2020 and the valedictory was held on October 28, 2020. Students from various courses across the college participated in and won various events.

The first event of Metonym 2020 was Takedown which is a solo writing event wherein the participants have to pick one of the three prompts given to them and write a takedown, a deflation, or an evisceration in under 1500 words. The topics given were "Lockdown Videos", "Modi's Pandemic Messages", and "Friends (open to the participant's interpretation)" The winners of Takedown were Annie Louis from III EJP who bagged the first prize, followed by Saran Sibu from I EMS and Suhasini from I EJP-B who both bagged the second prize and Naina M Sebastian from I EJP-B, and Shaivik Shetty from II CPE who both won the third prize.

The second event was Illustration. The event was conducted on September 16 at 1 pm. Illustration is a solo event conducted, in which the participants have to provide an illustration using the limerick given to them as a prompt. The winners of the event were Anna Abraham from I EPS who bagged the first prize, Rakshithaa Balasubramanian from I EMS who bagged the second prize, and Mischelle Elsa Santhosh from I MA ENG, and Shaima Althaf from I EJP-B who both won the third prize.

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The third event of the day was Fandom Menace which was conducted on September 16 at 1 pm. Fandom Menace is a solo writing event in which the participant has to bring together his/her favourite characters in a single story in under 1500 words. The starter given to them was "His companion took refuge in his flowing beard. The woman continued abusing them in three

languages." The winners of Fandom Menace were Yasmin Daniel from I JIP who was awarded the first prize, Parvathy Shaji from III CEB who bagged the second place, and Rebbecca Reji from I EJP-B who won the third prize.

The fourth event was Bhoot Polish. Bhoot Polish is a solo event conducted by the Performing Arts Society of the department. The final event conducted on September 16 was the Bollygood Workshop. The Workshop was conducted by alumnus Rohit Ravi at 6 pm through Microsoft Teams. Rohit helped the participants to understand how to translate their favourite songs from regional languages to English and make it captivating and fun.

On September 17, Nous conducted Boom Voyage at 2 pm. Boom Voyage is a solo writing competition wherein the participants are required to write about the ordinary in an extraordinary way. The participants were required to take an ordinary trip from their lives and describe it in a travelogue style writing and make the journey appear like a tourist destination trip in under 1000 words. The winners of Boom Voyage were Sahaya Riju from III CPE who bagged the first prize, Elizabeth Eldo from II BCOM-D who bagged the second prize, and Aishwarya Radhakrishnan from II CPE and Anirudh from III EJP who both won the third prize.

The third day of Metonym began with Scriptease. Scriptease is a team writing event hosted by the Linguistics Society. The event was conducted on September 18 at 4 pm. The participants were required to create a script for a language based on the prompt given to them. The winners of Scriptease were Aishwarya R and Indulekha KM from II CPE who bagged the first prize, Radhika Chatterjee and Dipannita Mukherjee from II MA English who bagged the second prize and Anika Eliz Baby and Gautami N from III EJP, and Akshaya R and Devika Biju of II BCOM who shared the third prize.

The second event conducted on the

same day was Nosecut. Nosecut is a very popular team event where each team is assigned a popular news person who is in the news, whom one of the team members is supposed to impersonate. The other member is to assume the role of a researcher. The team is required to handle a press conference and answer the questions by the audience as their impersonated self. The winners of Nosecut were Megha and Anna from I MCJ, who bagged the first prize followed by Soumyadeep and Tanzia from II PEM who bagged the second prize and Spoorthi and Likitha from I BPS who won the third prize.

The third event for the day was Classified Intelligence which is a team quiz conducted by the Quiz Club. Classified Intelligence is a general quiz covering all the topics around the globe. The winners of Classified Intelligence were Saishyam and Anirudh from III EJP who bagged the first prize followed by Anshu and Sarah from II JIP who bagged the second prize, and Veneet and Anindhya from III EJP who won the third prize.

The last event conducted on September 18 was 20 Questions. 20 Questions is a team quiz where the team has to ask questions to arrive at a personality/place, or the team has to give someone clues to help them arrive at the personality/place. The winners of 20 Questions were Alita and Nikita from I EJP-B who bagged the first prize, followed by Allen and Shivani from I JIP who bagged the second prize, and Litesh and Soujanya from I JIP who won the third prize.

The first event conducted on September 19 was Scene it all at 4pm. Scene it all is a team writing event conducted by the Performing Arts Society where the teams were required to develop a scene for the stage using the photograph given to them as a starter.The winners of Scene it all were Kevin Noel Sequeira and Fatema Zavery from III EJP who bagged the first prize followed by

Geetanjali Kanate and Shreya Sriram from I TEP who bagged the second prize and Gayathri B Prachod and Surya Saathi from I TEP who won the third prize.

The second event conducted was Bollygood at 5 pm. Bollywood is a solo event conducted by the Performing Arts Society where the participant is required to perform or read his/ her own translation of the lyrics to a filmy number, Bollywood or regional in under 3+1 minutes. The winners of Bollygood were Anshu Shetty from II JIP and Ayushi Dey from I EJP-B who shared the first prize followed by Bhumika from I CZBT and Roshan from III EJP who shared the second prize and Cynthia from I TEP and Anika Eliz Baby from III EJP who shared the third prize.

On September 21, the Linguistics Society Spellunked at 5 pm. Spellunked is a new addition to Metonym this year and is a combination of Spelling Bee and other word games. The winners of Spellunked were Diya and Drishti from III CPE who bagged the first prize followed by Aishwarya C and Dippanita Mukherjee from II ENG who bagged the second prize and Lithesh and Soujanya from I JIP who bagged the third prize. September 22 was the last day of Metonym 2020. The Linguistics Society conducted the final event of the year, By the Book at 5 pm. By the Book is a team event where the participants dress up as characters from a book. They are required to pick a book and pick five characters from it. They then have to use available clothes/material to dress in character and speak their favourite lines/do things the character is known for. They are also required not to reveal the title of the book, or character name and ask the audience to guess them. The winners of By the Book were Anindya, Nitya and Veneet from III EJP in the first place. Geetanjali Kanate, Sneha Agarwal and Miriam Tom from I TEP in second place. The 3rd place was a tie between Bidushi Roy, Santri S, and Shriya B from I BVC and Malaika Fatima, Shaima Althaf and Vidhi Chawla from I EJP.

The valedictory for Metonym 2020 was held on October 28 at 7 pm on Microsoft Teams. The event was kicked off by a small note from the convenors of all the five associations who also shared a video presentation of some interesting and funny moments during the different competitions and a concluding note by Dr. Arul Mani. III EJP won the rolling trophy with a total of 199 points, I JIP with 153 points placed second, and I EJP-B with 126 points placed third. I EMS was named the Best PSA class, I CZBT the Best NSA Class, III EJP the Best Humanities Class, I BCOM BPS the Best B.COM Class, and I MCJ the Best Master's Class.

#### META 2021: The Beginning

n April 15, 2021, Department of English, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) inaugurated the 9 th edition of the Josephite Annual Literature Festival. Before the inauguration began, there was a sense of excitement with discussions about virtual owl backgrounds and online experiences. The event began at 5 pm with host Ms. Anika Eliz Baby from III EJP introducing META and calling upon the head of the department of English Dr. Arul Mani to say a few words. Dr. Arul Mani introduced the theme of META 'Unconfined' the essence of which was captured by telling the attendees stories like that of RK Narayan, the Wellisian Frog and of Ambedkar and the notion of fraternity. After this, the winners of The Fr. Cecil Saldana Memorial Writing Wildlife Contest was announced. Andy Lewis won for the College Category and Bharat Ahuja for the Open Category. Next year's theme was announced as Winging it. Professors from the English

department were called upon to talk about their experience of META and their thoughts on the theme for this year. Dr. Mini Mark Bonjour talked about appreciating the irony of the Unconfined. Dr. Etienne Rassendran explored the assertion of the unconfined and Ms. Vijeta Kumar spoke about how it felt to conduct META in April and how Dalit History Month connected to the theme.

# Prof. Barbra Naidu Personal Essay Contest

In the college category, Pranav V S and Eshwari R were adjudged winners. In the open category, the best essay win went to Fatima Hijas and in the school category, Anirudh Varma won the contest. Special mention for the essay went to Chadala Valli. The judge was Paromita Vohra. The winners were announced on April 17, 2021.

# The TRH Peck Memorial Lecture Contest

This contest required participants to give a short lecture on a literary work, idea or author of their choosing. The students were judged by Ms. Priyadarshini, an alumnus of the college. Ms. Priyadarshini announced the winners. First place went to Rohit, he was followed by Christina in second and Sasha came in third.

# New Directions for English Deprtments

he first panel discussion of META 2021 took place on April 15 on the MS Teams platform on the topic New Directions for English Departments. The panel consisted of Ms. Drishti Rakhra, Ms. Micah Thambi, Ms. Shefali Elizabeth Mathew, Dr. Muthukumar M and Mr. Pramod Harle, "the fresh faces of the English department." The panel was moderated by Ms. Dipanitha Mukherjee, a II year MA student. The panel discussed teaching during the pandemic as members of the English department, the challenges and their innovations.

### Reading Malayalam Writing English

he panel on Reading Malayalam Writing English was moderated by Ms. Vijeta Kumar and consisted of panelists Ms. Nikita Thomas and Ms. Nisha Susan. The panel discussion, on April 16, 2021, began with a short introduction of Nisha Susan and her work by Annie Louis and Ms. Vijeta Kumar. Nikitha Thomas then shared her admiration for Ms. Susan and the panelists discussed her book 'Women Who Forgot to Invent Facebook and Other Stories';. Nisha Susan then began to discuss her experiences with reading Malayalam.

#### Just-A-Minute

eta 2021 would not be complete without the much-awaited return of Just a Minute (JAM), moderated by the head of the English department and resident JAM enthusiast, Dr. Arul Mani. The contest tested the creativity and orating ability of six participants who were given prompts. Astha (II EJP) emerged victorious with a whopping 125 points, followed closely by Suraj (III CZBT) with 117 and Rohit (III EJP) with 67.

# The Prof. TG Valdyanathan Film Review Contest (9th Edition)

he literary society conducted the 9 th edition of The Prof. T G Vaidyanathan Film Review Contest on April 17, 2021 at 4:30 PM. The event was hosted by Sarah George of II JIP. The participants were required to watch the 1979 Malayalam movie Kummatti and write a review for it in around 1500 words. Astha Sharma was declared the winner followed by Amalnath Rajeevan who placed second and Shreya Ghosh and Samriddhhi Gahatak who tied for third place. Diya Ashtakala and Sarang Jayraj were given special mentions for their reviews.

# Departures and Continuities - The English Department

The Literary Society conducted Departures and Continuities -The English department as part of Meta 2021, on April 17, 2021 at 5:30 PM. The panellists were Dr. Arul Mani, Dr. Mini Mark Bonjour and former professors Dr. Etienne Rassendren and Dr. Cheriyan Alexander from the department of English. The four professors discussed at length their arrival, first class and embarrassing moments.

# Quiz Club - SJC Quizzers Women's Quiz

S JC Quizzers, an association under the Department of English held a Women's Quiz on August 27 as part of Mixer Week arranged by the college for first year students. The quiz was open to all female quizzers, both students and



faculty. The list of the participants who qualified for finals was later circulated on the Discord Channel. A total of 25 teams registered for the guiz, and 11 teams gualified for finals. The finals of the guiz was held at 6:30 pm on the Club's Discord Channel and was open to all who wished to attend. The finalists had to partake in two written rounds and two pounce/ bounce rounds. The final scores tallied, the winners were announced and were lauded by all. The first place was bagged by Assistant Professors Ms. Amanda D'Souza and Ms. Drishti Rakhra. Sreya and Teresa placed second followed by Ruchira and Arathana who secured third place. The guiz master for both the rounds was Dr. Arul Mani, the head of the Department of English.

# **Cryptic Clues**

n Friday, September 4, the Quiz Club held the first workshop of the semester, Cryptic Clues. The workshop began at 8:00 pm and was conducted on Microsoft Teams. The event was conducted by Dr. Arul Mani. He introduced the idea of quick versus cryptic crosswords and the basic logic behind anagrams. The audience was then given scrambled letters in order to get insight on how to solve anagrams. Next, several clues were given for one anagram to make things more difficult and the audience had to come up with different answers for each clue. After this the patterns in setting a cryptic puzzle and the language used by

the setters were discussed. The last part of the workshop was about chain words as answers. Chain words are words that share a syllable, in crosswords and quizzes they will usually be connected by the singular clue provided.

# Workshop - What's the good word?

The SJC Quizzers hosted a 'What's the Good Word?' workshop on October 9, 2020. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Arul Mani and was aimed at reviving the dying quiz event of 'What's the Good Word?' by introducing it to the attendees of the workshop. After the general introduction to WTGW, Dr. Arul Mani, explained the rules of the competition and the participants tried to guess words based on clues. The workshop came to an end with Dr.Arul Mani giving tips on how to practice for WTGW.

## Pushups

S JC Quizzers in partnership with the Karnataka Quiz Association held the first Pushups session of the season on September 5, 2020, at 3:30 pm. Over 50 people took part in the quiz from all across the country. The week's pushups were set by Praneeth Bharadwaj, Ravi Shankar S and Dr. Arul Mani. The pushup's winners were as follows: Subhajit Sengupta in the open category, Harinarayanan K from NIT Calicut in the college category, Mileena Jacob in the woman's category and Kushagra Agarwal from Presidency School NLO won from the school category. The winners took home Amazon gift vouchers worth ₹ 150 for their performance.

SJC Quizzers and KQA held the second Pushups session of the season on September 19, 2020, at 3:30 pm. Nearly 50 people took part in the guiz from all across the country. The week's pushups were set by Saishyam Srikanth, Sreya Mandal and Dr. Arul Mani. The pushup's winners were as follows: Adheesh Ghosh in the open category, Anshuman Pal, University of Chicago, in the college category, Jayashree Mohanka in the woman's category and Kushagra Agarwal, Presidency School NLO won the school category. The winners took home Amazon gift vouchers worth ₹ 150 for their performance.

SJC Quizzers and KQA held the third Pushups session of the season on October 3, 2020, at 3:30 pm. 40 people took part in the quiz from all across the country and the world. The week's pushups were set by Taaby, Allan Joseph and Dr. Arul Mani. This edition saw ties in two categories. The pushup's winners were as follows: Venky Srinivasan & amp; Shubhendu Saha in the open category, Spandan Das - NPS, Koramangala & amp; Kushagra Agarwal - Presidency, NLO in the school category, Jayashree M in the woman's category and Adheesh Ghosh - Ashoka University won the college category. The winners took home Amazon gift vouchers worth ₹ 150 for their performance and joint winners took home gift vouchers worth ₹100.

SJC Quizzers and KQA held the fourth Pushups session of the season on October 17, 2020, at 3:30 pm. Close to 40 people took part in the quiz from all across the country and even

from places outside India such as Kuwait. The week's pushups were set by Alan Shaju, Saitej Amonkar and Dr. Arul Mani. The pushup's winners were as follows: Arun T.P in the open from all across the country and even from places outside India such as Kuwait. The week's pushups were set



category, Pranav P V, R V College of Engineering in the college category, Sania Narulkar in the women's



by Alan Shaju, Saitej Amonkar and Dr. Arul Mani. The pushup's winners were as follows: Arun T.P in the open category, Adarsh Das in the college category, Jayashree M in the women's category and Kushagra Agarwal won the school category. The winners took home Amazon gift vouchers worth ₹ 150 for their performance.

SJC Quizzers and KQA held the fifth Pushups session of the season on October 30, 2020, at 6:30 pm. 40 people took part in this final pushups edition of the semester. The week's pushups were set by Ravi Shankar S, Nikhita Thomas and Dr. Arul Mani. The pushup's winners were as follows: Thathagatha Chatterjee in the open category and Adi Amartya Shankar -Ekya School, ITPL won the school category. The winners took home Amazon gift vouchers worth ₹ 150 for their performance.

#### **Quiz Club Weekly**

S JC Quiz Club held their weekly quizzes virtually on Discord due to the ongoing pandemic. The quizzes were held every Friday at 6:30 pm, the weekly event sees up to 20 participants which include regular Quiz Club members and new members as well. The quiz includes cryptic, connect-the-pictures, and other engaging questions.





# **DEPARTMENT OF HINDI**

# National Webinar on Phaneeshvaranaath Renu

epartment of Hindi at St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru conducted a one day National Webinar on "Phaneeshvaranaath Renu ke Sahity mein

Sthaniyata, Aanchalikata aur Yathaarth" on July 27th, 2020. The resource persons for the session were Dr. Surendra Narayan Yadav, subject specialist and former Head of Department, Purnia University, Bihar, Dr. Vishal Srivastava, Government College, Pachavas Basti, U.P and Dr. Suraj Kumar, Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi. Over1200 participants from across the country registered and 750 participants connected through Google Meet and YouTube Live.

#### Hindi Diwas Celebration:

he Hindi Parishad of the Department of Hindi, St.Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bangalore organised Hindi Diwas Celebration on September 19, 2020. On this auspicious occasion, three guests of honour - Ms. Mahima Prassano, Dr. Priyanka and Mr. P Henry James - gave valuable and insightful talks on the significance of Hindi as a language. All the members of Hindi Parishad made videos in their areas of interest i.e. kavita, stories, or shayari along with the teachers to promote Hindi language on Hindi Diwas. The Hindi Parishad organised a singing and instrumental music competition, wherein the students from different streams including the non-Hindi students participated and entertained the audience. At the end of the program, Dr. Pathan addressed everyone and praised Hindi

Parishad for organising the week-long Hindi Diwas through an online platform. The winners of various competitions were announced and a poster with all the winners was uploaded on the official Hindi Parishad Instagram page.

#### **Staff Achievements:**

Hasan Yunus Pathan participated in multiple webinars and workshops over this academic year. Dr. Pathan also convened a one day National Webinar on "Phaneeshvaranaath Renu ke Sahity mein Sthaniyata, Aanchalikata aur Yathaarth" held on July 27, 2020, at St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru. Dr. Pathan also wrote an article titled, 'Itihaas Kee Vartamaan Yaatana ka Dastaavez : Saat Aasamaan' in Sahityasetu (Included in the UGC- CARE list) Vol.10 in May-June 2020.

#### Hindi Parishad:

### Election of the Office Bearers in the Hindi Parishad 2020 - 21

n August 25, 2020, an open invitation was given to all the students of BA, BCom and BSc streams to come forward and volunteer for various posts of the Hindi Parishad. A form was circulated to all students where they had to put in their details and the posts they would like to stand for. After an online selection process by the coordinator Dr. Pathan Hasan, a meeting was organised through Google Meet and all the aspirants were required to attend it. All nominees had to prepare a speech of two minutes explaining their motives, objectives and methods to make Hindi Parishad a more recognisable body, their reasons for joining the Hindi Parishad and their field of expertise and interest. The results were declared a day after the interview session, on August 31, 2020. The officer bearers of the association were - Samuel James as President, Naina Singh and Kajal Kumari as Vice Presidents, Harshitha S. as treasurer, Nikitha M Jain and Shweta Singh as General Secretary. Shruti Srivastava, Jyothi Rathod, Zaid Baig, H Vikas Kumar Jain, Dholakiya Namratta and

Shreema Shetty were selected as Student Coordinators from various sections. Dr. Pathan Hasan, Coordinator of the Hindi Parishad, congratulated all the students and invested them with the responsibility of the association.

# Inauguration of the Hindi Parishad:

n September 5, 2020, the Hindi Parishad observed its inaugural ceremony under the guidance of its coordinator Dr. Pathan Hasan. Dr. Sajida Ahmed, Head of the Department of Hindi and Mr. Ramadge Gangadhar Piraji were also present. The quest of honour on this auspicious occasion was Dr. Nitin Patil of St. Francis College. All the names of the officebearers were announced by the president of the Hindi Parishad. They shared their experience and motivated the newly elected council members to give their best. A poetry recitation event was held to make the inauguration ceremony more interesting. Students from all the different streams took part and recited their original compositions. Dr. Hasan and Dr. Gangadhar also recited their poems to the students. Dr. Sajida congratulated all the council members and wished them well for the upcoming year. The program was concluded by the speech of the chief guest where he gave some valuable tips to students on how to write poetry and enhance the skill.

#### Hindi Week:

he Hindi Parishad organised an online Hindi Diwas celebration for one week from

September 14 to September 19, 2020. There were a number of events that were conducted. Students from all streams participated and displayed their talents. On September 14, 2020, a Hindi guiz was conducted. On September 15, 2020, an essay writing and extempore competition took place. On September 16, 2020, a declamation and drama event was conducted. On September 17 and 18, 2020 events like 'shayari' and storytelling and stand up comedy were conducted. Finally, on September 19, 2020, the last day of Hindi Week, a singing and instrumental competition was organised. The main aim of the week-long programme was to spread awareness about the importance of Hindi language among students of the college. The members of Hindi Parishad took up all the responsibilities under the guidance of Dr. Pathan and Dr. Ramadge Gangadhar Piraji and every event was executed very well.





# **DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT**

## Samskrita Tarangini

## Utkarsha

tkarsha was the first 'inter-collegiate fest organised by the Samskrita Tarangini, the Sanskrit association of SJC. The event was conducted from February 16 to February 18, 2021, and comprised of five events, namely Ragamajari (Solo-singing), Aanarthanam (Solo-dance), Yakshaprashna Geetoktam (Recitation) (Ouiz), and Chaturaleela (Potpourri). The events were held on Microsoft Teams and Discord. The events were well received and participants from various colleges took part in them. The participants had to email their song and dance clips to the association, which were then evaluated and marked by the judges. Ragamanjari was a solo-singing

competition where the chosen song mandatorily had to have Sanskrit lyrics. Various bhajans, subhashitas and classical keerthanams were sung by the participants. Aanarthanam was a solo-dancing competition of classical, and folk-dance forms. Participants performed various forms of dance ranging from classical forms like Kathak and Bharatanatyam to folk forms like Yakshagana. Geetoktam was a Sanskrit recitation competition where the participant not only had to memorize the verses from Bhagavadgita but also present the interpretation of the same. The competition was judged by Mr. Adarsha K S, Head of the Department of Sanskrit at Trisha College of Commerce. Utkarsha's first live event was Chaturaleela. The event's main objective was to provide the

participants with a challenging yet fun activity to display their skills in Sanskrit. This being the first online event for the association and for most of the participants, there were a few technical hiccups but on the whole, the event went on smoothly



Yaksha prashna, the Sanskrit quiz was the last live event lined up in the intercollege Sanskrit fest- Utkarsha. There were participants from various colleges whose knowledge on the various aspects of Sanskrit language ranging from basic grammar to the epics and Puranas were tested in the quiz. Three winners were chosen per event making it a total of 15 winners who were rewarded with e-certificates and vouchers. Altogether, the fest was very successful and served as a very creative and enjoyable platform for the participants to display their Sanskrit skills.



# **DEPARTMENT OF TAMIL**

he Department of Tamil and Tamil Sangam Association of St. Joseph's College conducted a webinar titled 'Corona and the student community' (கலொரளே னா வு ம் மா ண வச் சமுதாயமும்)on MS Teams, on 17th May, 2021. This event was organised and hosted by Ms. Arokiya Mary, Head of the Department of Tamil. The event started with Tamil 'Thai Vaazhthu' by Thejashwini from II EPS and a welcome speech by Pavithra from II EJP. The chief quest speaker of the event was Mr. Muthumani Nannan, President of Karnataka Tamil Journalist Association. The event saw seventy one participants including students of the college, Tamil scholars, Tamil enthusiasts and a few alumni. The guestion and answer session was very interactive as the guest speaker enthusiastically answered the students; questions regarding media and literature. The session came to an

end with the vote of thanks by llamathi from III EPS.





# **DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH**

# Webinar on A Comprehensive insight into The French Universe

he Department of French and the members of the French association Rendez-Vous organized a webinar on August 2, 2020. The theme of the webinar was 'A Comprehensive Insight into the French Universe! The



eminent guest speaker was Mr. Vijayan Agneeswaran, Head of the Department of French. He gave a detailed insight into the geography of France, speaking about its different regions, prominent physical features, major rivers and famous monuments. He later delved into the History of France- talking about la Révolution Française (the French Revolution), Siècle des lumières (The Age of Enlightenment), Napoleon Bonaparte and his contribution to French society. Mr. Agneeswaran then went on to discuss the prime focus of the webinar- French literature and the works of celebrated French authors. In this section, he shared his immense knowledge of fables and recited works of the famous fabulist Jean de La Fontaine in an interactive manner. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session and concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the President



# SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES





# **DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

#### Webinars:

n collaboration with PANA (Philatelists and Numismatics Association) of SJC and The Center of Indian Numismatic Studies, the Department organised a national level webinar on July 3, 2020, titled and Assertion'-'Assimilation А Numismatic History of Foreign Rule in India.' The webinar saw eminent speakers from across India speak about the rich history of Numismatics in India and how foreign rulers have impacted Indian coinage and currency. The resource persons were Mr Purnanand Sanket, Mr Mohit Kapoor, Founder Trustees of the Centre of Indian Numismatic Studies. Mr Mohit is also the Director of Imperial Auctions, licensed by ASI and Mr Gautam Jantakal, a numerical consultant with the Center of Indian Numismatic Studies.

national-level webinar А was organised in collaboration with Destination Heritage on the 9 th of August 2020, titled & Scripted Stones.; The resource persons were Dr T S Ravishankar, Retired Director (Epigraphy), ASI, Mysore and Dr Krishnaswamy S, Assistant Epigraphist Epigraphy Branch, ASI, Mysore. Both speakers are noted Epigraphists who have worked on several projects across India. The speakers also highlighted the importance of preserving inscription stones across India and urged people to take a keener interest in the subject of Epigraphy.

A national-level webinar in collaboration with Destination Heritage, Bengaluru, was organised on the 18th of October 2020. The webinar was titled 'Art of Play', an informative session on the cultural interflow in Ancient Indian Games.

The speakers for the event were R. Gyaneshwar Singh, Secretary, Ramsons Kala Pratishtana, Mysore and Ms Riddhi Joshi, Postgraduate student, Department of History, University of Mumbai. Both speakers highlighted the colourful history of board games across India. The webinar was a chance for students to learn more about their culture and explore facets of history that generally remain untouched.

On the 18th of July 2020, the Department conducted two Online National Level Inter- Collegiate Debating events - a Silent Debate and an Open Debate. The motion for the Open Debate was 'Structural racism is prevalent in most parts of the world';. The motion for the Silent Debate was 'History has been used as a form of propaganda'; on the Google Meet platform. The main aim of the debating events was to foster a sense of dialogue and discourse among the students and encourage students to critically analyze a particular topic before coming to conclusions.

To commemorate India's 72 nd Republic Day, a National Level Online Quiz was conducted between the 26 th and 28 th of January 2021. The quiz saw over 200 participants take part across India. The theme of the quiz was 'Indian National Movement and Independence'.

#### **Guest Lectures:**

The following guest lectures were conducted for B.A. HEP students. 'Relevance of the Freedom Movement in the 21st Century' on the 18 th of August 2020, by Dr Jeevan Kumar, Retd. Professor of Political Science, Bangalore University and an Honorary Professor at the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University. The lecture was held to commemorate the 74 th Independence Day and reaffirm our country's values.

'A Journey through Civil Services' on 24 th of August 2020, by Ex Josephite Mr Deepak Raj. Since many of our students aim at cracking the UPSC exams, this lecture was delivered to provide the students with some insights on how to prepare for the UPSC exams.

'Career options in History and Understanding Bangalore's Heritage'; on the 9 th of September 2020, by Dr Githa U Badikillaya, Founder Trustee of Destination Heritage. Dr Githa introduced the students to the multiple career options available to them in History.

'Role of Christians in the Freedom Movement in Karnataka' on the 12 th of September 2020, by Dr Narasingaraju Naidu, Retd. Prof. & amp; Chairman, Department of History, Bangalore University. This lecture focused on the rich legacy of the Freedom Movement and the contributions of Indian Christians to the movement.

'Reform or Annihilation – Revisiting Indian Renaissance in terms of Unending Caste Atrocities' on the 24th of October 2020. The resource person was Mr Sonal V Manoj, Alumni, Batch of 2016-19, who is currently pursuing his Master's in History at the Pondicherry University. The lecture highlighted the social reform movement taken up by Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule in Maharashtra and how these two leaders have impacted the Dalit movement in contemporary times.

#### Workshop:

workshop in Corporate Skills titled 'Boost your Corporate Skills' was held on the 6th of February 2021. It was co-hosted by the Department of History and Bridge IT- a firm focusing on enhancing young people's corporate skills. The resource person was Ms Bernadin B, Associate Director, Learning & amp; Development, with UBS Business Solutions Center, and Founder & **Owner of Bridge IT Learning Solutions** & Development Strategies. The workshop covered a range of topics like interview etiquette, writing skills, and confidence-building with mock interviews conducted to show students how to tackle a formal job interview. Students were also taken through a resume writing session.

# Certificate Course in Indian Numismatics

The Department of History in collaboration with the Centre for Indian Numismatic Studies,

Bengaluru, organised a Certificate Course in Indian Numismatics for the academic year 2020 - 2021 titled 'Gleaning India's History through Numismatics'.

#### **Staff Achievements:**

ane D'Souza, Head, Department of History, attended 26 online seminars & amp; conferences held by various colleges across the country during the academic year. Dr D'Souza also participated and presented a research paper in the Online Annual History Students Conference organized by Madras Christian College, Chennai on the 19 th of March 2021. The theme of the Conference was 'My City: Local to Global'. Ms D'Souza presented a paper on the topic 'Glimpses of Bengaluru through inscriptions' along with Abhirami & amp; Sandra from II HEP.

Dr Paul Newman, Faculty, Department of History was an external examiner at North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon for two PhD theses. He was also invited as a resource person to various institutions, including -Institute of Human Rights Education (IHRE), and Kempegowda Institute of Management Studies and Research, to provide his insights into topics such as Human Rights, Refugee Rights, Constitution and Social Responsibilities of Educators.



Dr Newman also published three

articles in various international journals - 'An Adivasi Crusader Under Trial: A Blot On Indian Democracy' and 'The Forgotten Genocide of Sikhs in June 1984' in Eurasia Review; 'The need for the US presence in the UN human rights council with particular reference to Sri Lanka' in the International Journal of Multidisciplinary Education and Research.

#### **Student Achievements:**

aisha Nehal and Shreyas Isaac of Final B.A. HEP published a paper titled 'Gandhian Feminism' with Project Statecraft; a youth-led policy think tank that focuses on International and National level issues. Eight students from I & amp; II B.A. HEP participated and presented research papers in the Online Annual History Students Conference organized by Madras Christian College, Chennai, on the 19 th of March 2021. The theme of the conference was 'My City: Local to Global'. The paper presentations were as follows :

'Glimpses Of Bengaluru through inscriptions' by Abhirami M D & amp; Sandra Wilfred of II HEP

'The second siege of Kochi' by Teerth Narang of I HEP

'Analysing the historical city -Amritsar' by Navneet Kaur & Karen Benaifer of II HEP

'Flora, fauna and ecotourism - A case study Of Palakkad' by Anisto Issac Saju & Jiss Thomas of II HEP

'A study of environment in Bengaluru city - Lakes, flora And fauna' by Ankith C of I HEP

#### Parishodhana

Parishodhana is the student association of the Department of History, St. Joseph's College. The association began its activities for the academic year 2020 -2021 with the selection of its office bearers. Three III HEP students were unanimously selected as the office bearers: Aaisha Nehal as President, Shreyas Isaac as Secretary and Poireitomba Huidrom as Joint Secretary.

Amidst the Covid 19 situation, students were encouraged to write articles on various historical aspects, events, and monuments across the country. The department, in collaboration with Destination Heritage, evaluated the articles. The winning entries were featured on the social media pages of Destination Heritage and received a lot of positive feedback from readers.

#### Activities :

August 2021 saw the new B.A. batch on the virtual campus and Parishodhana held a welcome session on the 2 nd of September 2020. After a quick ice breaker students were introduced to the department's legacy and were given a glimpse into the future events.

The first inter-class event was 'Viva La Poster Revolution', where students had to design and recreate historical posters, either digitally or handmade. The prize winners were Prerna Kumari of II HEP, Nihal Mushtaq PM of I HEP, Dia Sharma of I BVC and Divya R Reddy of I HEP.

Ancestral Recipe – An inter-class food videography contest was held on the

17th of October 2020, where students were asked to showcase a dish that has a historical significance in their community or family. Students were asked to make a short video on the methods used, family history, ingredients, etc. The event helped students understand how food and History were closely connected. The prize winners were Malegere Swathi of I HEP, Dhaaneswaran B of I BCom IFA and Anu Rasha of I HEP.



As a part of Pratibha 2021, St. Joseph's Intra-Collegiate fest, Parishodhana hosted a Heritage Photography contest in the second week of March 2021. Students were asked to send pictures of heritage sites and monuments and a short write-up on the same. The judge for the event was Sonal Manoj, an ex-Josephite who is currently pursuing his Master's in History at the Pondicherry University. The winners were - Varshitha Hegde of I CZBT, Diya Anna Simo of II BBA A and Anoushka Sudhir of I CPE.





# **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

# Economics of Consumer Behaviour during Covid - 19

Department of he Economics organized a webinar on 'Economics of Consumer Behavior during covid-19' on the 14th of May 2020. This webinar was organized in association with the Department of Psychology. The Resource people was Dr Robert Clive, From Cross Land and Little Rock Institutions. His main focus was the impact of the coronavirus and changing consumer needs and behaviours which poses new challenges to marketers.

# Economics Forum & Oikonomika Inauguration

ikonomika, the Post Graduate Economics Association along with the Economics Forum

Association for Under Graduate Economics students of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, inaugurated their activities for the academic year 2020-2021 with a guest lecture on 'Small is beautiful' on 27th of August 2020, on MS Teams. The session advanced with a presentation of past year reports, announcement of the new core committee student members of Oikonomika and Economic Forum and the tentative events for the year 2020-2021. Ms Anita Noronha from the Department of Economics gave an inspiring message to students. The guest speaker was Dr Prabhakar B.S from the Environment Science Department. He gave insights on sustainability. Around 200 students participated in the event.



# Revisiting the birth of Econimocs: from Ancient to Modern Thought

he Department of Economics conducted its second webinar on the 7th of September 2020. Dr Niharika Singh, an Assistant Professor at Symbiosis University was the resource person for the event. She discussed how economic history differs from the history of economic thought and the importance of understanding them. As modern economics relies heavily on numbers, the labour- intensive industries seem to be turning to machines and the human side of economics is getting lost. She also elaborated on how dependence on Psychology and Sociology is being replaced by artificial intelligence.

# The paradox of choice: Making Career Decisions

he paradox of choice: Making Career Decisions was an international webinar organised by the Department of Economics in association with The Placement Office, St Joseph's College (Autonomous) Bengaluru on 23rd of September 2020. There were about 800 participants who registered for the webinar from all over India. Ms Anita Noronha and Mr Kiran Jeevan led the team and worked with a student coordinator who led the technical team to successfully conduct this webinar. The speaker invited was Ms Smrithi Ramesh, Director, AAA-ICR Asia Case Management Centre, Singapore. Ms Smrithi was invited to help the students understand the possible career options and opportunities available to them after graduating with a degree in Humanities and Commerce.

#### **Faculty Achievements:**

F aculty of the Department of Economics participated in multiple national and international webinars. They were also involved in organising many webinars, panel discussions, talks and FDPs for the department as well as the college. They also successfully completed MOOCS in the academic year 2020-2021.

**Prof Clement Dsouza** delivered a guest lecture on the 27th of December 2020 on the topic, 'A paradigm shift in economic thinking toward technology' on invitation by Indian Economic Association held at Dr B. A University, Agra. He was nominated by Bangalore Central university to frame the syllabus for quantitative papers for the UG level. He also attended the Board of studies meeting on the 15th of January 2021 held at St Joseph's Evening College.

**Prof Nikhil Jha** published the following articles in the academic year 2020-2021 in StoriesAsia.org.---"Why a Free Informal Sector Can Ease Lockdown Pains","Why Not to Fear the Rising Covid-19 Cases" and "The Cost of Unbalanced Views on COVID-19".

**Prof Tulika Bhattacharya** published the following papers in the academic year 2020-2021 - Bhattacharya, T., B. Bhandari & amp; I. Bairagya (2020). "Where Are the Jobs? Estimating Skillbased Employment Linkages across Sectors for the Indian Economy: An Input-Output Analysis", Structural Change and Economic Dynamics, Vol. 53, pp. 292-308. (Published by ELSEVIER, included in SSCI, SCOPUS and UGC-CARE list, Clarivate Analytics Impact Factor 2.023)

**Bairagya, I., T. Bhattacharya & amp; M. Bhattacharjee (2020)**. "Impact of Credit Accessibility on the Earnings of Self-employed Businesses in India", Journal of Asian Economics, Vol. 69, Article no. 101202. (Published by ELSEVIER, included in SSCI, SCOPUS and UGC- CARE list, Clarivate Analytics Impact Factor 1.797)

Bairagya, I., T. Bhattacharya & P. Tiwari (2021), "Does Vocational Training Promote Female Labour Force Participation? An Analysis for India", Margin: The Journal of Applied Economic Research, 15 (1): 1-25. (Published by SAGE, included in SCOPUS and UGC-CARE list)

Bhattacharya, T. (2021), "Farmers in Peri-Urban Regions in India: Are their Financial Statuses

different from Rural Farmers?", Urban India (UGC-CARE list) Prof. Tulika Bhattacharya is also involved ongoing project titled in an ;'Discrimination in Maternal Health Care and its Impact on Female Labour' Force Participation: 'A Study of Indian Economy'; funded by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) (Grant Amount: Rs. 5,00,000) She submitted a research proposal for a sponsored research project titled :'A Study on the Mental Health and Quality of Life of Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence' (IPV) in Metropolitan Cities in India" to the National Commission for Women (NCW). (Grant Amount: Rs. 18,15,000) She also presented a paper titled "Imported Intermediate Inputs and Firm Productivity Across Developing Economies: An Analysis Based on Input-Output Technique" for presentation in the 36th IARIW General Conference under the theme 'Economic Growth and Productivity with Special Emphasis on Developing Economies; to be held from August 24th to 28th, 2021 in Oslo, Norway. (Accepted for presentation with full financial assistance).

Dr Bhattacharya also delivered a lecture on the topic "Training Session on Input-Output Analysis" at the National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE), Mumbai on 19th of February 19 2021.
### **Student Achievements:**

**nna Rose Palathingal and Ardra U S** of II MA Economics were the Delegate observers for United Nations Association For Development and Peace (UNADAP), for the International summit on online learning platforms organised by Marian International Institute of Management in association with UNADAP, on 15th of August 2020.

**Ardra U S** of II MA Economics coauthored a paper titled "A tale of how Coronavirus stalled the growth engines of the world" which was published in Juni Khyat (UGC Care Group I Listed Journal) ISSN: 2278-4632, Vol-10. Issue-6 No. 7 June 2020.

### **OKIONOMIA**

## Dialectics

kionomia, the Post Graduate Economics Association organised an online debating event, 'Dialectics' on the topic 'Will conventional education be replaced by online education?' The event took place on the 24th of September 2020. The event was judged by Ms Rasia Elsa Joseph, a part-time faculty of the Department of Economics. The winners for the event were Saran Sibhu (first place), Ruchira Radhe (second place), Joel Antony (third place).

# Union Budget and Urban Planning

t. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, in collaboration with B.Pac, held a national webinar on the Union Budget 2021 and Urban Planning. The event was organised by the Economics Department along with the Economics Forum and Oikonomika, and was held on the 4th of February 2021. The speakers of the event were Dr Samir Kagalkar, State Convener of BJP Economic Cell, Karnataka and Mr Pavan Srinath, a Public Policy Researcher and Podcaster. Both the platforms had a combined viewership of over 1000 attendees.

# Life Around Covid

ikonomika, the PG economics association, School of Humanities, brought out an interesting module on COVID19 titled "Life Around Covid" during the difficult time. It included some positive news from around the world, some details about how the health sector of our country is faring, highlights of recent reforms by the government for the health sector and some guidelines about taking the vaccination. To understand the situation better from an economic point of view sources were listed in the module. The module was created by students of I MA Economics.

#### Connectonomics

ikonomika, the post-graduate economics association organized an inter college event- "Connectonomics" on the 28th of May 2021. The event was judged by Dr S Rajesh, Principal, BM English School, Mr Jishnu Vipin - faculty St. Joseph's Boys High School. Each participant was given a series of pictures based on a theme which they had to interpret and connect. This was followed by remarks by the judges. The session was highly interactive and challenging to the participants. Ms Palak of Jyothi Nivas College, Bangalore won the first prize followed by Mr Avinash of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

#### THE ECONOMICS FORUM

# Modern Society Launch and the first workshop

he Modern Society was launched on 1st of October 2020 as the third wing under the Economics Forum, St Joseph's College (Autonomous). Its aim was to establish a discussion group to communicate, present and have a discussion on new ideas and opinions. The panellists were chosen from the third-year students who had been to National conferences and had presented their Research Papers. Modern society also had a core committee group of 9 members. These members were responsible for marketing, topic generation and registration of attendees. The

The society was inaugurated with its first workshop on "How To Write Abstracts For Research Papers" on the 19th of October 2020. The first session of Modern Society was titled 'Pandemic Supply of Demand and Supply'. The second session was titled 'Pandemic Supply of Demand and Supply'. The third session of Modern Society was titled 'Union Budget 2021'.

# Academic Peer Training

On 8th of September 2020, the department got the permission to start working on the Academic Peer Training Wing of APT. APT provides a safe space and learning environment for students. They are formed of positive peer influencers to help out students with subjects which aim at reducing the stigma associated with academic help-seeking.

## Econ 101

# An Introductory Session To All Things Economics And All Things Fun

The APT Wing of The Economics Forum, St. Joseph's college held an introductory session on All Things Economics And All Things Fun on the 22nd of September 2020, and the event lasted for about an hour. Organised by the entire team of APT, the session commenced with the mission of making economics simple, fun, interactive and available to anyone in need of help. An informal session of games followed. The event received much appreciation, with several requests for more such events to be conducted in the near future.

# **E-Bizz Report**

he Economic Forum fest - E-Bizz was held on the 19th and 20th of May 2021. The organising team of E-Bizz consisted of the event heads from the marketing and design team and the director of the fest. The fest comprised of five events-Trade Wars headed by Ananya Vinod, Nishant Garg and Sanskriti, Best Economist headed by Kenneth Godffrey, Ishan Nayar and Maha Aslam Firentia headed by Palak Biyani and Sharmila, A Morsus De economica headed by Neeraj Tom Savio and Neha Joseph, and Carte Blanche headed by Neerai Tom Savio. The fest was launched with a short speech from the coordinator of the economics forum, Prof. Keshavmurthy, after which the participants from different colleges were directed into the meetings of their respective events. Day one of the fest consisted of two events: Trade Wars and Best Economist. The fest received more than forty early

registrations from colleges all across India and more on spot registrations. On day two of the fest consisted of two events as well: Morsus De oeconomica and Firentia. At the end of day two Prof. Clement D'Souza, the Dean of Humanities at St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru gave the participants words of encouragement followed by the award ceremony, where the winners of each event were announced. The day ended with an inspirational vote of thanks given by Prof. Anita Noronha, the Head of the Department of Economics at St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

### The Economics Gazette

he Economics Forum. St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, released its monthly publication, the online magazine. The Economics Gazette, on the 15th of February 2021. The Inaugural Edition included feature stories that sought to highlight contemporary economic phenomena in order to bring about a greater understanding in the minds of the readers.

The second edition of its monthly publication, The Economics Gazette, came out on 9th of April 2021. The edition focused on the theme 'Women and the Economy', seeking to bring to the forefront, the issues that beleaguer women's progress and participation in the economy. The edition also introduced two new columns, namely 'Those who came before' which celebrates and commemorates the economists of vore and their accomplishments and 'In Conversation With', a column in which the Editor-in-Chief engaged in a discourse with several eminent

women from the college over issues that plague women's economic lives and the solutions for the same. The team was provided much-needed help and guidance by Ms Anita Noronha, Head of the Department of Economics and Mr Keshavamurthy K., Staff Coordinator for the Economics Forum.

## **Economics of the Farm Laws**

he Department of Economics and the Economics Forum in collaboration with the Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics hosted a quest lecture on the 'Economics of the Farm Laws'. The quest speaker of the event was Dr Ajit Ranade, Group Executive President and Chief Economist with the Aditya Birla group. The webinar was held on 13th of March 2021. The guest speaker spoke in depth about the farm law bills passed, their repercussions and effects on the farmers and the corporate sector, and why the farmers are revolting against these laws.

# **Global Sand Challenge**

he Department of Economics and the Economics Forum hosted a guest lecture on the Global Sand Challenge on the 18th of March 2021. The guest speaker was Ms Kiran Pareira, Founder and Chief Storyteller of www.sandstories. org. The talk bestowed light upon the sand challenge, one of the major global sustainability challenges. Ms Kiran Pareira gave insights into the global sand challenge and the amount of destruction the public caused by the extraction of sand. She spoke about possible solutions and several alternatives to using sand and how important it is to raise awareness.



# DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

# Webinar on India-China Ongoing Boundary Dispute

he Department hosted a National Webinar on the topic: 'India-China Ongoing Boundary Dispute' on the 20th of June 2020. The resource persons for the webinar included Maj. Gen. KA Muthanna (Retd), Garhwal Rifles Regiment, Brig. PT Monnappa, General Staff Intelligence, Eastern Command, Dr MJ Vinod, Professor, Bangalore University and Dr BM Chengappa, Defence Analyst, Bengaluru.

# Webinar on Changing Dimentions of India's Foreign Policy

The Department, under the Aegis of Spectrum, hosted a National Webinar on the topic: 'Changing Dimensions of India's Foreign Policy' on the 14th of September 2020. The resource persons for the webinar included Dr Manish, Professor and Dean, Centre for International Politics and School of International Studies, Central University of Gujarat.

# **Staff Achievements**

r P. E. Somaiah, Associate Professor; Head of the Department

Dr Somaiah delivered two special lectures this year. One on the topic, "Role of Youths in Nation building", at a Webinar, organized by Spoorthi Yuva Kavi Balaga, Bengaluru. The other on the topic, "Intellectual Property rights", at a National Webinar, organized by Cauvery College, Virajpet, Kodagu District, on the 24 th of August 2020. He was also invited as a resource person for the Faculty Development Programme (FDP), by the FDP Cell of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) on 12 th December 2020. He also gave a lecture on the topic "Governance of the Minority Educational Institutions in India" for the participants of the programme.

Dr Parvathy Poornima, Assistant Professor Dr Parvathy Poornima published a book review, 'Mapping Indentured Indian Women', Amba Pandey, edited, "Indentured and Post-Indentured Experiences of Women in the Indian Diaspora", The Book Review Journal, XLIV, Number 12. December 2020. Dr K.P.Ashwini, Assistant Professor Dr K.P.Ashwini was a panellist at the online Panel Discussion, "To Interfere or not interfere: The role of our biases in determining bystander action", organized by Breakthrough India, Zamrudpur, New Delhi, on 5 th of March 2021.

#### Dr Anitha. V, Assistant Professor

Dr Anitha was Invited as a speaker for the Webinar, "Citizen-Centric Administration", jointly organized by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (Karnataka Regional Branch) and St. Joseph's College of Law, FMKMC Road, Bengaluru, on the occasion of United Nations Public Service Day, on the 23 rd of June 2021.

# **Student Achievements**

good number of students from the Department have forayed into higher education at reputed national and international institutions.





# DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

# DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS FORUM

# International and National Webinars

he Department of Industrial Rel tions in association with the Industrial Relations Forum organised two International and one National webinar, attracting more than 500 academicians and students from ten countries - "COVID-19 Pandemic: Labour, Livelihood and Rights", with academician and Kisan Sabha Leader & former faculty of SJC, Dr Vijoo Krishnan as the resource person. "Human Resource Management: Post COVID-19", with academician & Industrial Psychologist Dr M.V. Jose and Director-H.R. of Raymond's, Mr Mohan Raj as resource persons. "Online Preparedness: A New World for Education Frontline Workers in India", with the Hon. Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University, Dr Venugopal K.R. as the resource person.

# **Guest Lectures/ Invited Talks**

he Inaugural Guest Lecture titled "American Income Tax System and Social Security in Comparison with India" organised by the Industrial Relations Forum was delivered by the PRO of the College Prof. Kiran Jeevan on the 24 th of October 2020. On the 6 th of February 2021, a well-known Corporate Trainer, Mr T.K. Rajiv gave a guest lecture on "Importance of Entrepreneurship and Online Courses in Entrepreneurship Development".

**Online Training Programme** 

rom the 20 th of February 2021 to the 31 st of March 2021, ten senior members of The Indus trial Relations Forum underwent a rigorous online training programme in "Entrepreneurship - The New Era Perspective" under the auspices of Suprajiv Technical and Management Studies Pvt Ltd., Bengaluru.

# MOOCs

any final-year and secondyear members of the Industrial Relations Forum made full use of the opportunity provided by the college during lockdown to complete many online courses and took a special interest in successfully pursuing a number of online courses in Human Resource Management and allied disciplines, through Coursera and edX.

# Documentation And Discussions

he Industrial Relations Forum documentation team, as in the previous years, has been documenting important press cuttings related to Industrial Relations. In this academic year, the documentation has a special section on press cuttings on the COVID-19 Pandemic and its effects on Industrial Relations.

Regular discussion of Industrial Relations news from all over the world

in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic was also taken up by the faculty and forum members in all the B.A. Industrial Relations classes.

### **Staff Achievements**

r G. Anuplal, Associate Professor and HOD, participated in the National Level Online Training Programme on "Industrial Relations in India", organised by Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad on the 29 th of May, 2021.

Mr G.Anuplal also completed four MOOCs through Coursera with Distinctiontion between July and August 2020.

# **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

n the 3 rd of June 2020, the Department of Sociology organised an international webinar on "Positive Impact of Covid-19 and its Psycho-

socio-spiritual Dimensions". The webinar saw over 450+ participants from around the world (India, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, USA, Slovakia, Italy (Rome) and Canada). The webinar began with an introductory address by Prof. Berin Lukas (Former HOD - Dept. of Sociology and Industrial Relations). The first speaker, Prof. R Rajesh (Dept. of Sociology, Bangalore University, Bengaluru; Registrar Evaluation, KSGH Music and Performing Arts University, Mysuru) spoke about the positive social impact of COVID-19. Next, Rev Fr Shaji M.L., CSC (Vice-Principal and Administrator, Holy Cross College, Agartala, Tripura) spoke about the spiritual dimensions of COVID-19. The third and final speaker, Ms Lubin Lukas (Clinical psychologist, formerly NIMHANS) focused on the positive psychological impact of COVID-19. Prof. Anuplal (Dept. of Industrial Relations) delivered the concluding remarks followed by a short Q & A session.

On the 10 th of June 2020, the Department of Sociology organised an international webinar on "Unleashing Information Technology: Opening Frontiers to the New Normal". The webinar was attended by approximately 250 participants from various institutes from multiple countries. The speakers were Mr D V Swamy, IAS (Development Commissioner, Cochin Special Economic Zone, Kerala and Karnataka) and Mr Nikhil Dubey, MPAS (Assistant Director, Information Technology Department, State Government of Madhya Pradesh). After the welcome address by the department faculty, the speakers took turns to speak about the rise of IT in India, its impact on various industries and also the downside of IT. They focused on the sociological impact of AI, Blockchain, IoT, etc and introduced a relatively new concept i.e., the Sociology of Cyberspace. On the 13 th of June 2020, the Department of Sociology organised an international webinar on "Search for a Cure against COVID-19: Data Analytics, Virtual Screening and Drug Discovery". The webinar hosted participants from various institutes from multiple countries. The speaker was Mr Chris Lewis, an Independent Management Consultant and former Professor at St. Joseph's College (Autonomous). He spoke about the use of technology in the search for a cure for COVID-19. This highly technical session was extremely insightful and structured in such a way that everybody would understand the issue at hand starting from the biological facts about COVID-19 and the coronavirus all the way to the use of Bioinformatics and Al in the search for the cure.

On the 19th of June 2020, the Department of Sociology organized an international webinar on "Crisis Confronting a Changed World: A Humanitarian Response". The three speakers were distinguished alumni of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous). The first speaker, Mr Kabir Ashik (Senior Programme Support Assistant, Transition &amp: Recovery Division (TRD), International Organization for Migration, United Nations Migration Agency, Bangladesh), spoke about the plight of the Rohingya Muslims in Bangladesh and the efforts taken by the UN in helping them lead marginally better lives. He also spoke about the impact of COVID-19 on this



community as well as in Bangladesh. The second speaker, Mr Hamidullah Afghan (Director for Internally Displaced Persons, Ministry of Refugees and Repatriations, Government of Afghanistan, Afghanistan), shed light on the influx of refugees (returnees) in Afghanistan as well as the internally displaced people. He also spoke in detail about the impact of COVID-19 in Afghanistan, especially on the returnees and the internally displaced people. Mr Moslem Shah (Risk & amp; Compliance Advisor, Catholic Relief Services, Maryland, USA), the third speaker for the day, spoke about the efforts of the Catholic Relief Services which has 165 relief, development and social organizations in 200 countries to provide relief and aid in humanitarian issues irrespective of race and religion. This was a highly enlightening and relevant session for it highlighted the efforts of the Government, an International Agency (UN) and a non-government agency in combating COVID-19 in some of the worsthit communities.

The Department of Sociology arranged a Farewell for the retiring H.O.D. of Sociology, Dr Berin Lukas. Dr Berin Lukas had been teaching in St. Joseph's for 31+ years. Both faculty and students paid tribute to the invaluable service rendered by Dr Berin Lukas. Dr Somaiah, the H.O.D. of Political Science spoke about how he knew Dr Berin L kas since he joined the college in 1991. He spoke about how she had always been supportive of female students, about the various positions held by her and how she has excelled and left her indelible mark at every one of those. Prof. G. Anuplal, the Dean of Social Sciences and Professor of Industrial Relations spoke about how he was indebted to have been a student and peer of Dr Berin Lukas. He spoke about her courage in talking about topics that were considered taboo in society but needed to be considered. Lastly, Prof. Maria A. spoke very movingly about how Dr Berin Lukas has changed her life both as a teacher and a colleague and how she has touched lives throughout her career. Dr Berin Lukas inspired her to be a feminist and to speak out against issues in society. The Department of Sociology and its students wish her farewell and all the best for the next big phase of her life.

The faculty of the department attended multiple webinars and FDPs over the academic year 2020-2021.

## Social Zest

Social Zest concluded the activities for the academic year 2019-2020 with a national level workshop on "Transitioning from a Seminar to a Webinar: A Complete Guide" conducted on 25th of June 2020; and a webinar on "Online

Preparedness: A New World for Education Frontline Workers in India' conducted on 27th of June 2020.

On the 23rd of June 2020, the Sociology department and the Industrial Relations (IR) department hosted their Valedictory ceremony for the academic year 2020. Mr Cherian Varghese, the outgoing Editor-in-chief requested Dr Berin Lukas to unveil the annual association magazine 'GUSTO'. Ms Maria David announced the new office bearers for the year 2020-2021. A tribute in the form of a page in the magazine titled, 'The feminist of St. Josephs' was dedicated to Dr Berin Lukas. The evening ended with Dr Berin Lukas giving her regards and leaving some words of wisdom to everyone present there.

## Inauguration

ocial Zest conducted its annual inauguration ceremony for the academic year 2020-2021 on the 21 st of August 2020. Dr Indira Ramarao, President of the Indian Sociological Society and the Chairperson of the Department of Sociology, Mysore University, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The chief guest was introduced and welcomed by Prof. Melissa Remedios, this was followed by a prayer rendered by Seenu Sara from 3 rd IES. Prof. Melissa Remedios then administered the Oath of Office to the Core Committee. The chief guest addressed the audience and encouraged them to explore Sociology and actively involve themselves in sociological activities and deliberations. The President of Social Zest, Neeraj Tom Savio, then addressed the audience and the association members briefing them about the plan for the academic year.

# Inaugural Debate Competition

he inaugural debate competition was organized on the 20th and 21st of August 2020, on the topic "Racial Discrimination in Cinemas is a Myth". The teams were well prepared, presenting fortified and convincing arguments while also substantiating their arguments with various statistics and real-life examples. The competition was judged by Dr Indira Ramarao and the Social Zest Core Committee members. The debate was moderated by Ananya Vinod from 3 rd EPS and Yadhu Krishna Raj from 2 nd EPS. The winners of the debate competition were as follows: First place - Chandni Ganesh and Nishad Mohammed; Second place -Raghava B. Sastry and Paroma Raha; and Third place - Ananth Preveen and Aswath.

## **Reseach Paper Presentation**

n the 8th of April 2021, Social Zest organized a Research Paper Presentation which focussed on providing some insights and tips on how to work on a research paper. The event was open for all the first and second-year students. This event was divided into four sessions where two speakers presented their papers in each session.

The first session was held on the 8th of April 2021. Preethika Sabu of III EPS commenced the event with her paper "Understanding soft power and its implication for contemporary India". This was followed by Zelda Rozario's (III IES) paper presentation on "Usage of menstrual cup among college-going women."

The two speakers for the second session held on the 9th of April 2021, were Ardra Mathai and Neeraj Tom Savio of III EPS. Ardra presented her paper on "Divorce and its effects on women and children". Neeraj presented his paper on "Examining the socio-political impact of the Hindu nationalist movement in contemporary India."

The third session was held on the 12th of April 2021. The first presentation was by Sanjana Chopra of III IES on "Gender budgeting and its implementation in India". This was followed by Seenu Sara Saji's (III IES) paper presentation on "Sexual behaviour of young adults".

The last session was conducted on the 15th of April 2021. The speakers for the session were Ananya Vinod and Neha Joseph of III EPS who presented papers on "The foreign policy of India: A trajectory analysis (1950-2020)" and "India-China relations concerning international trade 2020: An analysis", respectively.

## **Student Lecture**

he first student lecture by the Research & Academic wing of Social Zest was conducted on the 20th of October 2020, on two chapters from the first year Sociology syllabus- 'Basic structure of Indian Society' and 'Tribes in India'. Students from both EPS and IES attended the lecture held on Google Meet. The student lecture was started after brief speeches by Neeraj Tom Savio and Neha Joseph, the Head of the Research and Academic wing of the association. It was a great experience as it gave the student a taste of the teaching experience.

## **Discussion Forum**

he first edition of the Discussion Forum was held on the 10th of April 2021. The topic of discussion was "Is Feminism a justifiable ideology?". The event had a brief explanation of the topic and its crucial relevance in the political and economic discourses of contemporary times. It was followed by the exploration of the waves of feminism throughout the years, after which contentious issues with regard to radical feminism and its contributions, the purpose of the movement and its implications for the movement were deliberated.

The second edition was held on the 30th of April 2021, and the topic of discussion was "Is Veganism the way for the future?" The discussion began with participants sharing their experiences with veganism, the movement and its meaning and relevance in contemporary times. The discourse soon continued onto the first sub-topic; Privilege and veganism, where topics like access, the role of socio-political dimensions like caste, class and other factors were discussed. The other topic was the environmental effects of veganism, what the reduction or exemption of meat from a diet can do for health, and the truth about the fad of sustainability of veganism was also explored in detail.

The third session was held on 15the of May 2021, and the topic was "Capitalism vs Socialism". The subthemes of this session were as follows; a) Economics of the Ideologies, b) Political

Dimensions, c) Sociological Dime sions, d) India and the Nehruvian model of Socialism and, e) Alternate themes.

The last session for the academic year was held on 29th of May 2021, on the topic "Justice and Accountability". The session started with the participants giving their own thoughts on the theme of Justice, what they understood by Retributive, Restorative, Transformative Justice. The session was mainly divided into 5 sub-themes; a) Economics of Justice, b) Politics of Justice, c) Sociological Dimensions, d) Indian Justice systems, e) Miscellaneous Dimensions. This session like all the other sessions gave many students (from and outside of the college) an opportunity to have conversations that were academic and included intersectionalities, thus widening the possibilities for more deliberations.

## **Interview Series**

n the 30th of April 2021, Social Zest conducted an informational interview with esteemed guests, Kannan Gopinathan, ex-IAS officer and Abhinandan Sekhri, CEO and Co-Founder of Newslaundry. The interview was held in private to be presented to the students later.

#### **Sketch away Stereotypes**

The editorial wing of Social Zest conducted a Sketching competition titled 'Sketch away Stereotypes' from 5th to 9th of October 2020, based on the theme 'Stereotypes'. The competition was judged by the editorial team, and the event was coordinated by Tabitha P, the Editor-in-Chief of Gusto and Nisha A, assistant Editor-in-Chief. The winners of the competition were as follows; 1st place by Pallavi L of III CPE, 2nd place by Aditi L Hasyagar of II CZBT, and 3rd place by Likitha James of II CEB.

## Pen it Down

The editorial wing of Social Zest held a writing competition from 26th to 30th of April based on the theme 'Stereotypes'. The prize winners of the competition were Sarang Jayaraj of III CPE in 1st place, Joann Miriam Mathew of I EPS in 2nd place, and Naina Mary Sebastian of I EJP-B in 3rd place.

## **Project Maa**

he Photography wing of the Social Zest association started a new campaign called "Project Maa". It was an open event aimed at creating a platform through which one could appreciate motherly figures in their life. The pictures were edited by the Photography team and posted on the association's Instagram page.





# **DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

# **Panel Discussion**

Department of he Psychology conducted an international discussion panel on Neurodiversity educational (in institutions) on March 20, 2021. The resource persons and panellists were Dr Maureen Dunne, Co-founder and managing partner of the Autism Angels Group (AAG), a former National Science Foundation Fellow and Kauffman Entrepreneurship Fellow; Dr Georgina Perez Liz, Research Associate at AJ Drexel Autism Institute (AJDAI), Drexel University; Ms Aparna Balasundaram, Wellbeing and Mental Health Thought Leader, TEDx, Author, Psychotherapist, Doctoral Candidate at the University of Pennsylvania, Teaching Associate at Columbia University (New York).

## **One Breath at a Time**

July 18, 2020, the n Department of Psychology conducted an international webinar titled 'One Breath at a Time' students and non-students for alike. The webinar dealt with breaking down stigmas around Social Anxiety. The keynote speaker Ms was Aparna Balasundaram, a certified psychotherapist and teaching associate at Columbia University (New York) and TEDx speaker. The session covered various topics around Social Anxiety, how it manifests, Introverts and Social Anxiety, as well as proven strategies to manage Social Anxiety. It was a success, with active participation from the attendees during the Q & A session.

# **Staff Achievement**

rs Neeta Periera received a grant of 18 lakhs from the National Commission for Women for a project on Intimate Partner Violence along with the Department of Economics and Department of Social Work. She also supervised, organized and trained student volunteers in collaboration with Mission Vishwas and BBMP for providing psychological support for people who tested positive for COVID and reached out to more than 10,000 people in Bangalore. She designed and developed mental health capsules for SAMAGRA (Karnataka Jesuits Mental Health Care). She also organized the international panel on 'Neurodiversity'. Ms Ami Joshi attended a research summer school programme by Monk Prayogshala a not-for- profit academic research institution. She represented St. Joseph's College at project Baat Cheet - an initiative by Mission Vishwas and LabourNet in January 2021. She also assisted in designing and planning of FGDs. She was also part of the core team of Let Us Dream - 2020 -Triennial International Conference. Mrs Nisha Menzies Rao published a paper on 'Factors that influence Reading Acquisition in L2 English for Students in Bangalore'. She also published four papers in review 'Impact of Predictor Variables on L2 English Reading Acquisition for Grades 3 &; 5', 'Relation between Decoding, Fluency & amp; Comprehension for L2 English Readers in India', 'Measuring the Causal Role of L2 English Reading Skills Using Structural Equation Modeling', and 'Identifying Students at Risk for Reading Difficulties in the Indian Context'. She also served as a content reviewer for a tool being developed by Dr Renée C Howells and Dr Sunaina Shenoy at the University of New Mexico, to assess identity formation in early adults with siblings with disabilities. She moderated an international panel discussion on 'Thymos of Neurodiversity' organised by the Department.

Dr Madhurini Vallikad was appointed as a consultant for the development of training material for the covid helpline of Karnataka Health Promotion Trust. She published a chapter in a book on Autism Spectrum Disorder titled 'A Case Study of Various Concerns of Parents of Children on the Spectrum'. She was invited as a quest speaker for a webinar on 'Student Mental Health Issues" at St John's College, Dimapur, Nagaland.

## Student achievements

evin Noel Sequeira, III BA EJP (2018-2021) has won several awards representing St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) in various cultural fests and events over the past three years. Also being the President of the Western Music Association, he secured the title of "Best Beatboxer; Best Original Composition" consecutively for two years at the International Cultural fest In-Bloom organized by Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru. He is now working as Assistant Facilitator (for Voice & amp; DARE programs) in Durga India, Bengaluru.

# Consillium

# **Drawing the Line Online**

n March 6, 2021, Consilium, with the Department of Psychology, conducted a session titled 'Drawing the Line Online' which focused on important topics like privacy, boundaries, and self- care in virtual classes. The speaker for the session was Ms Delphina Esther, a counselling psychologist, who



holds a postgraduate certification in Cognitive Analytical Therapy

and works part-time with Heart It Out, a mental health and wellbeing initiative committed to making mental healthcare accessible to 1.5 billion people by 2030.

## Green Ribbon Campaign

n 'Mental Health Awareness Month', Consilium held 'The Green Ribbon Campaign'. The Association launched their own 'SJC Stories-Lockdown Edition' through which stories of students from St. College (Autonomous) Joseph's were put up on social media. The campaign consisted of a seven-day challenge that involved students and others to take up one fun challenge a day such as doodling, making inanimate objects come to life, etc. A webinar was held on May 13, 2020, on 'Enduring Difficult Times' by Dr Sowmya Puttaraju through which she expressed her views on leading a meaningful life and setting goals during tough times. The association also collaborated with the Student Council in launching a special edition of SJC Stories, the 'Student Council Special'.

# Webinar on Enduring Difficult Times

A webinar on 'Enduring difficult times' was organised by Consilium. The campaign celebrated the mental health awareness month of May. The speakerforthe webinar was Dr Sowmya Puttaraju, a certified psychotherapist from the Albert Ellis Institute, USA. Dr Puttaraju spoke about the importance of setting workable goals, evaluating circumstances and dreaming infinitely but to also realize that one only has finite time and finite effort. She spoke about understanding the fact that certain situations are not in our control.

## **Exhale Campaign**

Consilium in collaboration with Under25 started a campaign called 'Exhale'. The campaign focused on different mental health disorders and ways to overcome them. It revolved around different disorders such as Sleeping disorder, Anxiety disorders etc. It discussed what these disorders are, their symptoms and different ways of self-help. It also extended the conversation on ways to help a friend. This content went up on the Instagram stories of Consilium and Under25.

# Kick Off - Welcoming the New Batch of 2023

onsilium conducted a threeday icebreaker event for the freshers. On all three days, the organising team interacted with one class each, viz. I EJP A, I EJP B and I TEP. The students got to know each other and the facilitators. The team conducted some icebreaker activities and also introduced new initiatives such as the 'Time Capsule'. These sessions not only allowed them to bond with their classmates in a small group but also their seniors in a very fun interactive way.

# **Time Capsule**

onsilium introduced а event for welcome the freshers called 'Time Capsule'. It was a self- fulfilling event that directed the students of the first year to write a letter to themselves about their feelings during the first week of college, and their experience as a Josephite. These self- addressed letters were mailed to the Consilium Association and are now stored safely in a Time Capsule, which will be sent back to the students within the span of a year

## **World Suicide Prevention Day**

orld Suicide Prevention Day is commemorated on September 10 every year. Consilium planned to spread awareness on this cause for an entire month. The campaign kicked off with a writing challenge. On World Suicide Prevention Day, Consilium organized a webinar and a panel discussion with Sumana, the Psychology Association. To bring the week to a close, an open mic session was conducted where people performed poetry and music.

### **International Yoga Day**

he Department of Psychology organised а webinar to celebrate spread and awareness about International Yoga Day. The webinar, held on June 21, 2020 (Sunday) was handled by Sumana (an association under the Department of Psychology) in coordination with NSS. Ms Ami from the Department of Psychology led the session by welcoming the guest Ms Rohini - a yoga practitioner for the past 12 years. The yoga session was handled by Anika Eliz Baby and Shailee Prasad from III EJP.

# **Okay October**

In view of World Mental Health Day on October 10, 2020, Consilium and the Psychology department, organised a campaign called 'Okay October'. Through this initiative, they wanted to remind each and every student and faculty that it's okay to ask for help when you need it, and it's okay to not be okay. As an association, they help promote positive mental health around campus, and they strive to bring that to light with this campaign. They have hosted a few events, like an open mic that was held on October 16, and an online Halloween celebration where students could dress up and share their favourite music on Discord on October 31. They even uploaded interactive stories on their Instagram page so students could share things that make them happy and spread positivity. They also put out a virtual self-care package on October 10 which received a very positive response from a lot of people around campus.

# **Sketch A Boundary**

s an Association that strives to come up with studentfriendly campaigns which prioritize Mental Health, Consilium



wanted to organize a campaign highlighting the new normal – extensive digitalization of the world, or the shift to Online. With this in mind, they launched the Sketch A Boundary campaign which aims to start a conversation about drawing

a line online, and promoting positive and healthy social media usage. Consilium organised a range of fun events as part of the campaign, which started on April 6, 2021. The events were: The 14 Day Challenge, interactive and therapeutic an initiative, not only to promote healthy social media usage but also to find productive ways to overcome our online fatique. SJC Stories 2.0, a virtual drive centred on the sharing of personal stories on the topic ;Social Media and Its Impact on Mental Health; by the students of the college. Mic Cat-astrophe!, the first ever Pet-Friendly OpenMic Night, which provided a platform for students to showcase their talents and for their pets to unleash their pet mics, while also speaking up about their experiences, all in a safe and supportive environment. Bottled by the Internet, a workshop to help people understand the importance of setting and maintaining boundaries Online was led by Ms Samindara Sawant, a clinical psychologist.

# **Reigning Over the Rain**

eigning Over the Rain was a campaign initiated by Consilium for the World Mental Health Awareness Month. The theme of the campaign was to help people acknowledge and handle grief during these hard times. The campaign started on May 1, 2021, and went on for a month. The events under this campaign were: Mayflower Almanac, a daily challenges event that encouraged people to do activities at home, activities that make people happy. Beverage Day, Socks Day, Space Day were some of the events. Mast Aadmi, Not so Mast jokes, an open mic night where people joined and cracked lighthearted jokes and harmless pickup lines. A self-care folder was circulated that had information related to their campaign's theme #StayINSane. Open

Letter - a week-long event that asked people to come forward and write about lost relationships or lost loved ones. It was later posted on their Instagram page with their consent. The campaign ended on May 31 with Consilium Unscripted, an episode that addressed the anxiety students are going through during the course of the pandemic.

# Art Attack

rt Attack, an event aimed to provide students a platform to bring out their creativity was organised on August 14, 2020, and went on for a month. Students' artworks were posted on Instagram.

# **Rudolph Wish Vault**

o bring in Christmas feelings online, Consilium hosted "Rudolph's Wish Vault" where



participants were asked to write an anonymous Christmas wish and send it to their official mail ID which was then sent to another student on their behalf.

# **Movie Night**

movie night was hosted on January 31, 2021. The Movie Night was Consilium's first event for the year. The event received an overwhelming response as nearly 100 people joined the official Consilium Discord Channel. The movie Dead Poets Society was selected to be screened as it is a classic loved by all. On seeing the success of the first Movie Night '21, efforts are being taken to make Movie Night a permanent event that takes place once every 2 to 3 weeks.

# Hope Helpline: Tele Calling for Contact Tracing

tudents of MSW and EJP at St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) volunteered as tele callers for contact tracing in collaboration with Mission Vishwas and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). The volunteers were trained in tele calling by Ms Aparna Ponnappa, XLRI Alumni and Mr Sunil Telkar, Aspiro Consulting. Ms Neeta Pereira, Head of the Department of Psychology was the teacher coordinator for the collaboration. Students had to make calls to Covid positive patients in hospitals, home isolation and covid care centres and trace the number of primary and secondary contacts of the patients. The volunteers enquired about the general well being of the patients and if they needed any emergency assistance. They were also provided with emergency contact numbers in case the patients required medical, mental or other requirements. A total of 8129 primary contacts of infected patients were traced by the students.

# SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES





# **DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS**

he Department of Physics organised an online webinar on "Renewed Interest in Venus, Our Nearest Planet" on the 17th of July 2020.

The guest lecture was given by Dr P. Sreekumar, Satish Dhawan Professor at ISRO HQ. The lecture was attended by many students and faculty members of various departments and faculty members of the Department of Physics, SJC.

The department also organised an online guest lecture on "Science Behind the Respiratory System and Respiratory Medicine" on the 12th of March 2021. The guest lecture was given by Dr Anna Rachel Menezes, MBBS, Residential Medical Officer, St. Anne's Hospital, Elathigiri, Vellore, Tamilnadu. The lecture was attended by students and faculty members of the Department of Physics, SJC.

# **Staff Achievements**

#### **Dr Lora Rita Goveas**

Dr Lora Rita Goveas participated in the online training programme conducted by the Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, ISRO Dehradun in the 2020 Annual Conference on Magnetism and Magnetic Materials on the 5th of November 2020.

#### Dr G. Vignesh

DrG.Vignesh defended his PhDviva-voceon 17th of February 2021, at The Gandhigram Rural Institute(Deemed to be University), Gandhigram, Tamilnadu. His work, titled, "Some investigations on exciton states in quantum well systems", was submitted under the supervision of Dr P. Nithiananthi, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, GRI-DU, Gandhigram.

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Ms Parul Goel presented a paper on "Analysis of elastic properties of lithium substituted barium vanadate glasses to understand the structural changes" at the International Conference on Materials Processing and Characterization (ICMPC 2020).

#### Mr Suraj Rajasekhar

Mr Suraj Rajasekhar presented a paper on "Low-temperature combustion synthesis of undoped barium aluminate nanocrystals" at the International Conference on Advanced Material Science and Applications (ICAMSA).

## **Physics Students' Association**

#### Spectra 2021

pectra 2021, an intercollegiate event hosted by the Physics Students' Association was conducted on 31st of March 2021. It included five events; Ouiz, Treasure Hunt, Crosswords, Chronology and Fallacia. Participants took part in a live guiz which included three levels consisting of a picture quiz, a rapid-fire round and a round that took place on myguiz.org. For the treasure hunt, crosswords and clues were given based on sci-fi movies. In Fallacia, the participants were shown videos from popular science fiction movies and asked to identify the logical or scientific fallacies in them. The Chronology event was based on a word cloud which included random physics words, and the participants were required to arrange them in chronological order.

#### Crosswords

Crosswords was the first event organised by II PEM on behalf of the Physics Students' Association. The event which was held on the 29th of July 2020, consisted of a physics-based crossword puzzle which the participants had to fill using Google forms. The winners were Saitej Amonkar of II PEM, Sukeerthi N of II PCM and Arunjoy Dutta of II PEM.

#### Fallacia

Fallacia was organised on the 7th of September 2020. The participants for this event were shown short videos from popular science fiction movies and asked to identify the logical or scientific fallacies in them. The winners were Aditya Srivatsa of II PMC, Saitej Amonkar of II PEM, and Manav Madan of I PCM.

#### Réflexion

Reflexion was held on the 9th of September 2020. This event involved having to analyse short paragraphs where one sentence was related to another. There were a large number of participants from all streams, including Commerce and Humanities. The top three winners were Anirban Nath of I PEM, Rajan Sha N of I PMC and Akshay Suresh of I PMC

#### 20 Questions

A Physics themed 20 Questions game was conducted on the 10th of September 2020. There were 34 participants divided into two groups. The winners were Likhith J of I PCM and Saitej Amonkar of II PEM from Group 1; Nilay Nitnaware of I PMC and Ajith U Shanbhag of II PEM from Group 2.

#### Experencia

Experencia was held on the 11th of September 2020. The event involved using materials available at home to create experiments or prove a theory. Only five of the 25 participants were able to complete the experiments - Anirban Nath of I PEM, Sanchita Sharan of II PEM, Shooktija S N of II PEM, Suraj Arun Bapu of II PEM, and Tanziya Banu of II PEM.

#### Physics T20

This event was conducted on the 15th of September 2020, where physics questions were blended with some cricket fun. The online event consisted of two rounds. Each question in this event was considered as an 'over' and each correct answer as 'runs'. The winners were Aman Mathur of I PEM, Rajan Sha N of I PMC and Aditya Srivatsa of II PMC.

#### **Treasure Hunt**

On the 16th of September 2020, the Treasure Hunt event was held on Zoom. The main concept behind this event was to find the 'treasure' by unlocking a series of six PDF documents that eventually lead to the 7th PDF with a trophy as the treasure. The winner was Spandan Bhattacharya of IPMC.

#### Physeekee

The Postgraduate Physics Department inaugurated clicking photos depicting a concept of Physics was conducted in the second week of October. 11 students participated in the event.



The next event was a quiz on Nobel Laureates titled 'Let's get Quizzical'. It took place online on the 24th of October 2020.



tate: Saturday, 24th October 202 Time: 4:00pm Register now! (link in bio) In November, another event, 'Constraint' was held that inspected the technical writing skills of our physics fanatics.

On the 23rd of December 2020, a talk titled 'Superconducting Quantum Systems' was held on Zoom. The talk was given by Ramya Suresh, an alumnus of SJC and a graduate student at Purdue University.

Physeeksee also has an active Instagram page that posts 'Millennial Monday'



and 'Thursday Trivia' every week to create a remarkable synergy of young beautiful minds who are passionate about physics.







# DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

## **Inauguration Ceremony**

Department he of Mathematics held its ceremony inauguration on the 15th of September 2020, through the virtual MS Teams platform. The chief guest for the day was the Rector of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, Fr Swebert D'Silva, S.J. Mary Chriselda, one of the student coordinators gave the welcome address, followed by an introduction to the association ABACUS by Eram Hayat, who also laid out the objectives for the new academic year. A couple of performances were rendered by the members of the association after which Mr John Binze, Head of Department of Mathematics, and Fr Swebert D'Silva, S.J. spoke about the prowess of the association

over the years. The event concluded with a few games that were conducted by the staff coordinators, Ms Veena Nirmala R and Ms Wilma D'Souza.

## **Staff Achievements**

s Divina R Lobo, Ms Wilma D'Souza and Ms Deepika S were part of the UGC sponsored 30th Orientation Course from 28th of July 2020 to 17th of August 2020.

Mr Taral D Shah was invited as a resource person for a six-day online RBPT workshop conducted by IISER Pune, MHRD of India in association with Wilson College, Mumbai.

Ms Veena Nirmala successfully completed the Online teaching course titled ProAct Digital Teacher organised by Loyola Institute of Business Administration.

Ms Wilma was invited as a resource person for the first ever International Konkani Kavisghoshtti.

# ABACUS

#### **MISSILE MATHS**

The association organized the first relay of events in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Dr A P J AbdulKalam, from the 14th of October to the 24th of October 2020. The events included -Winter is Coming, Memematics, Hidden in Figures, Sketchematics, Maths Relay, Word Hunt, 20 Questions, and EL Examen. These events ranged from quizzing, treasure hunt, problem-solving to explaining complex mathematical concepts.

#### **THE PAPYRUS**

The event was conducted with the objective to provide students with an opportunity to hone their research abilities by being able to think out of the box and critically examine the problems posed. From amongst the entries submitted, Aryaman Sharma of Ist year EMS was selected for stage-II of the event where he presented his work on the Cardinal Approach to infinity.

# Webinar on Research in Mathematics

bacus conducted an online webinar titled – "Research in Mathematics" on the 16th of February 2021. The webinar was conducted to percolate the essence of research among students by motivating them to be curious and think beyond the box. The chief guest for the event was Dr Raisa D'Souza from the Department of Mathematics. She engaged the students with interactive games and podcasts and spoke about her research experience.

It was an enthralling experience to witness the massive impact she had on the students by not only inviting them to question beyond the known but also persuading them to never give up. The webinar also served its purpose to culminate the Papyrus event held in the month of December 2020, and the winner of the event, Aryaman Sharma from Ist year EMS





# DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS

# **International Webinar**

he department conducted an international webinar on 'Human Brains are Special - Are they Really!' in which an alumnus, Dr Suhas Vijaykumar, Post Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University, Massachusetts, was the chief guest. Dr Regina Mathias was the coordinator of the webinar in which there were more than 250 participants



# **Online Practical Classes**

he department conducted vigorous online practical sessions efficiently for the first time for the fifth and third semesters. The approach was highly appreciated by all stakeholders and has been included as a part of regular practicals in the syllabus.

## BOS

he Department of Electronics conducted its Board of Studies on May 3, 2021. The syllabi for BSc. I and II semesters were discussed and finalized during the meeting. The department also conducted interdepartmental pre-BOS meetings on March 1 and 8, 2021, to finalise the outcome-based syllabus as suggested by IQAC.

# **Faculty Achievements**

I the faculty members of the department participated in many international and national webinars throughout the year which included FDPs, Nobel Laureate lectures, workshops on simulation tools to name a few. Dr Priyanka Parmar was a part of the organizing team of the national-level seven-day workshop 'Revised NAAC Norms and Procedures' under the aegis of the UGC Scheme – Paramarsh organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of our college

# Josephite Electronics Technology Club

#### Inauguration

Jet Club began its inauguration on September 5, 2020, with a brief introduction of its achievements and activities planned for the academic year. Two students from III PEM and II MEC shared their individual achievements and experience under the club. The event concluded with a vote of thanks.

#### Crossword



The students of II PEM organised Crossword on September 16, 2020. The questions were electronics-based and required the use of the crossword grid to solve. Wesley (I MEC) and Winston Mascarenhas (I BCA) secured first and second place respectively.

#### **Meme Heat**

The topic of the March 19, 2021, event was 'Artificial Intelligence'. This event was judged by Mr Selwyn Paul. The first, second, and third place was given to Varshitha of II PMC, Hitesha from I PEM, and Dhanraj from II MEC respectively.

#### Connection

This event was conducted on April 12, 2021. Three pictures were displayed to

each participant that they had to connect to find the correct answer within the time limit. 20 students participated from various combinations. Smera Rajesh from CZBT placed first and Akshay S from PMC was placed second.

#### **Electro Quiz**



The students of II MEC organised the Electro Quiz on September 17, 2020. Winston Mascarenhas (IBCA) and Tanziya (II PEM) secured first and second place respectively.

#### **Treasure Hunt**



Treasure Hunt was organised by the students of II PMC and II MEC

on September 19, 2020. The event was conducted in two rounds. Eight participants cleared both rounds and reached the final question. Poojith Kumar (I PEM) and Dhanraj (II MEC) secured the first and second places respectively.

#### **Electronic Elocution**



The students of II PEM conducted Electronics Elocution on September 21, 2020. Each of the participants had to speak for 30 seconds on an assigned topic. The event was judged by Mr Rajesh, the coordinator of Jet Club. Denny (II MEC) secured first place, Dhanraj (II MEC stood second, and Anirban (I PEM) won third place.

#### **Topic Presentation**

It was conducted on March 20, 2021, for which the topic was 'Future of Electric Vehicles'. The participants had to use PPT or PDF to present their topics. The event was judged by Dr Regina Mathias and Mr Joshua Stalin. Rohit Anan of III MEC, Darshan G of I MEC, Aman Mathur of I PEM won first, second, and third respectively.

#### **Project Presentation**

'Project Presentation' was conducted online by Sanchita Sharan on April 12, 2021. Dr Regina Mathias presided over the presentation. There were four teams who presented their work. The team consisting of Shreema Shetty, Aman Mathur, Poojith Kumar, Hitesha, Ektapriya won first place. Team consisting of Dhanraj N and Sayani Das won second place.



# **DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS**

stablished in the year 2010-11, the Department of Statistics started offering the programme of Masters of Science in Statistics from the year 2020-21. It is committed to excellence in teaching and equipping students to become practicing statisticians. This year a series of guest lectures and workshops were organized by the department and lectures were delivered by MrVadiraj, an industry expert and Mr Mithun, a data scientist.

### **Staff achievements**

r Ananda KS submitted his thesis for evaluation at the University in December 2020 and defended his work for the award of the doctoral degree. Mr Suresha Kharvi has submitted his thesis for evaluation to the University in December 2020.

#### Publications:

Suresha Kharvi and TPM Pakkala published a paper titled "An Optimal Inventory Policy when purchase price follows geometric Brownian motion process." in Opsearch (Scopus indexed journal) in February 2021.

Suresha Kharvi and TPM Pakkala published a paper titled "Inventory Policies for Monotonic change in the Purchase price" in the International Journal of Mathematics in Operational Research (Scopus indexed journal).

Shalu and Archana. V published a paper titled "Travel tech start-up in India: reshaping the travel industry" in the International Journal of Multidisciplinary Educational Research in December 2020.

Deepika M and Archana. V published a paper titled "Role of Communication and Leadership in Employee engagement: A study of select B-Schools in Karnataka" in the Wesleyan Journal of Research in January 2021.

Aju. K. Jose and Archana. V published a paper titled "Effect of Technology and Inline

Processes on Improving the Margins and Productivity in the Packaging Industry" in the Shanlax International Journal of Arts, Science and Humanities in June 2020.

Suresha Kharvi and DrTPM Pakkala published a paper titled "An Optimal Inventory Policy for Subsequent Price Reduction Problem" in the International Journal of Operations and Quantitative Management in June 2020.

Suresha Kharvi and DrTPM Pakkala published a paper titled "An Optimal Inventory Policy when Purchase Price follows Geometric Brownian Motion Process" in the OPSEARCH in February 2021.

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Ananda KS and Dr J.V. Janhavi published a paper titled "A New Estimator of Value at Risk under Peaks over Threshold Framework using Optimal Loss Function" in Test Engineering and Management in April 2020.

# SCHOOL OF CHEMICAL SCIENCES





# **DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**

## **Department Activities**

epartment of Chemistry conducted a National webinar on 2nd of June 2020 titled 'Multicomponent and Cascade Reactions' by Prof. Irishi Namboothiri, IIT Bombay, Mumbai.



An International webinar on 'Diabetes and glucose management' by Dr Shridhara

Alva, Sr. Director, Clinical Affairs, Abbott diabetes care, CA, USA, was scheduled for the 5th of June 2020.

An International webinar on 'From Minerals to Futuristic Functional Materials' by Prof. T. N. Guru Row; PhD, FASc, FNA, FRCS, Honorary Professor, IISc, Bangalore, India was held on 10th of June 2020.

The department organized an International webinar on 'History and Biology of the Coronaviruses and Reflections on a Post-COVID World' by Prof. Padmanabhan Balaram (Recipient of Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri and TWAS prize awards; Former Director of the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru), on 11th of July 2020.

An International webinar was conducted on 29th of July 2020 titled 'X-ray spectroscopy to understand processes in biological catalysis' by Dr Serena DeBeer (Director, Department of Inorganic Spectroscopy, Max-Planck-Institut Für Chemische Energie Konversion, Germany).

An International webinar was conducted on the 6th of September 2020 titled 'Translational research: opportunities & challenges' by Prof. Devendra Agrawal, Western University of Health Sciences, California, USA.

An International webinar on 'Reversing Climate Change with Nanocrystals' by Prof. Anshu Pandey, Associate Professor, SSCU, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India, was scheduled 12th of September 2020.

The department organized an International webinar on 'World of 2D materials and their applications in energy storage' by Dr K. Vijayamohanan Pillai, Dean (R&D), Prof & Chair, Chemistry, IISER, Tirupati, Former Director CSIR, CECRI, Karaikudi, held on 19th of September 2020. The Department of Chemistry and PG chemistry Alumni/ae association organized a webinar on "Applications of pyrolysis technique in the petrochemical industry" by Dr Arun Kumar, Senior Manager, SABIC Technology Center, Bengaluru, on 31st of October 2020.

The Department of Chemistry organized a national webinar titled 'Interfacial Electrochemistry: Electrocatalysis and Energy Systems', which was presented by Prof. S Sampath from the Department of Inorganic and Physical Chemistry, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, on the 13th of March 2021.

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The Department of Chemistry and the Department of Environmental Science offered a Certificate Course in Principles of Green Chemistry in collaboration with Dr Ram Mohan from Illinois Wesleyan University, USA from 2nd January to 30th April 2020. Dr Ram Mohan visited India on a Fulbright Nehru Fellowship and had selected our college to offer his expertise in the field of Green Chemistry. He also delivered a special talk on Green Chemistry to the faculty members and motivated them to concentrate on the application of Green Chemistry in their laboratories and carry out research in the same field.



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# Trainings provided by faculty members

Dr Joyce, Ms Christine, Dr Suhas, Dr Sunita and Dr Jayasree were involved as resource persons for the "SJC Digital Teacher" inhouse training. This was from 25th to 30th of June 2020. The programme was coordinated by Dr Joyce D'souza.

Dr Joyce and Dr Sunita were involved as coordinators and organizers for the induction programme for the new faculty members that took place from 23rd to 30th of July. Also, Dr Joyce, Ms Christine, Dr Suhas, Dr Sunita and Dr Jayasree were involved as resource persons for this programme.

### Webinar attended by staff as resource persons

r Joyce D'souza was a Resource person for a National level webinar on "Environment and covid-19: an evolving perspective" organized by St. John's College, Palayamkottai.

Dr Anitha Alanthadka was a resource person for an International Webinar on "Frontier Research in Chemical Sciences 2020, organized by the Department of Studies in Chemistry, Mangalore University. She spoke on the topic: "Sustainable catalytic methodologies towards the synthesis of N-heterocyclic compounds."

Dr Shobha S. V., was a Jury for the seminar contest on 'The emerging topics in science and technology organized by Bharath Group of Institutions', Tamil Nadu.

Dr Nalini G. Sundaram gave a talk on the topic 'X-ray Diffraction: Principles and Instrumentation'in a UGC Refresher Course in Physics organized for college lecturers. The talk was organized by the Centre of Advanced Study in Crystallography and Biophysics, University of Madras, Chennai. Many of the staff attended FDP conducted by other institutes. Several staff members have attended webinars organized by other colleges and organizations. A total of 45 webinars have been attended by 12 staff members. Dr Sandra, Dr Sunita, Dr Shanty, Ms Christine, Dr Bhawani, Dr Rashmi, Ms Ozma, and Dr Rita successfully completed various courses in Coursera. Dr Rita Gosh has enrolled for a course from edX.

## UGCS (Undergraduate Chemical Society)

#### **Election Of Candidates**

he staff coordinators Dr Sunita Raiamani, Dr Valeen Rashmi and Dr Rita Ghosh selected the student office bearers through a one-on-one interview on the 15th of August 2020. The elected student office bearers were: Prakruti Mehta from III CEZ - President; Lauren Grace De Segueira from III CZBT - Vice President Natural Science; Agnideepta Majumdar from II MCZ - Assistant Vice President Natural Science; Devika MV from III PCM - Vice president Physical Science; Ramya G from II PCM - Assistant Vice President Physical Science; Sreestha Dinesh Parambath from III CZBT - General Secretary. Four event heads were also appointed to conduct various programmes, and they were: Aathira Suresh from II PCM; Surhiya RS from II CEB; Keerthi J from II CBT; and Aishwarya R from III CZBT. Three new divisions under UG Chemical Society were launched - Interdisciplinary division, coordinated by Ananya Joliholi from II CBZ and

team - Joshika Komarla from II CBZ, Malavika Nandan III CPE and Sanskriti Singh III CPE. The second division was Peer Learning Division, and the Vice president of this division was Om Kumar from II CBZ and team - Shruti R Raman from II CBZ and Sumanth N S from II CEZ. The first-year coordinator was Likhith. J from I PCM. The final year was mainly coordinated by Lauren. The Third division was the Online Newsletter Division, Jasmine from III CZBT was appointed the editorial head and the three assistant editorial heads Misbah Sayeeda from II CBT, Modhulika Rana from II CBT, and Aishwarya R from III CZBT. Likhitha James from II CEB was appointed as the coordinator for the e-newsletter.



**Inauguration Of UGCS** 



The inauguration of UGCS for the academic year 2020-2021 was held on the 29th of August 2020. The program started with a prayer, followed by which the President, Prakriti Mehta briefed about the activities that were conducted by UGCS in the last academic year and introduced the present office-bearers while mentioning the goals and motives of the present team of UGCS. After the President's brief introduction about the association, the HOD of Chemistry Department, Dr Ronald J. Mascarenhas introduced the guest

speaker for the evening - Dr Chandrabhas Narayana, Dean (Research and Development) and Professor of Chemistry and Physics of Materials Unit at JNCASR. Dr Chandrabhas left many of us astounded and at the same time bewildered while he spoke about the importance of Chemistry in Modern Day Challenges.



Freshers Party by UGCS Members

A Fresher's party for the first year UG students was also organised. Ms Prakruti Mehta and the other office-bearers briefed the new batch of students about UGCS and its respective activities. This was followed by a Q&A session where questions on UGCS events and research activities in chemistry were discussed between the first years and the members of UGCS. Two games were conducted - the first was the Periodic table game which was headed by Ramya G from II PCM and team. Ten members qualified for the next round. The second game was Pictionary which was headed by Agnideepta(II MCZ), Lauren (III CZBT) and Sreeshta (III CZBT). The first prize went to Manav from I PCM, 2nd prize to Sharath from I CZBT and 3rd prize to Sparshith from I CZBT.

#### Teacher's Day Celebration by UGCS Members

UGCS office bearers celebrated a virtual Teachers' Day on the 11th of September 2020. Faculty members of other departments also enthusiastically participated in these events conducted by our students. Along with the department faculty members, teachers from other departments were also part of the event

- Ms Amita, Ms Anita, Dr Vanitha, Dr Thomas, Mr Kiran, Ms Latha, Ms Viola, Ms Satyashree, and Ms Padmaja. There were two games, and the first one was "The word-forming game," in which Dr Nalini (Department of Chemistry) won the first prize, and Ms Anita (Department of Economics) won the second prize. The second game was "Pictionary," in which Ms Amita (Department of Commerce and Management) won the first prize, and Dr Joyce (Department of Chemistry) won the second prize.



#### ELUSION

ELUSION was conducted on the 16th of September 2020. Ms Aathira Suresh, Keerthi J, Surhiya R S and Aishwarya R organized the event, which took place on Zoom with 20 teams (40 participants) and 10 others. It was a questionnaire-based event where the questions were sent to participants using Google form with a time limit of 35 minutes along with 5mins as buffer. Hints were also provided for required guestions. The winners were Team 16 -Akshat Mishra from II CBT and Agnideepta Majumder II MCZ. The second place went to Team 9 - Vishnu Thirtha SH from I PCM and Vivekananda Nayak I PCM, and the third place to Team 18 - Sharath Shaji Thomas from I CZBT and Roshan George from I CZBT.

#### **CHEM SUDOKU**

Chem Sudoku event was conducted on the 7th of October 2020, headed by Agnideepta Majumder and Aathira Suresh. A word file was sent to the chem sudoku WhatsApp group for the participants. The word file had a Sudoku (9×9) grid. The Sudoku had to be filled on the basis of the general rules of sudoku. The twist was that it had chemical formulas instead of numbers. Participants were asked to mail the completed sudoku word file to the given email id. The winners were, 1st– Hariharan S from III PCM; 2nd – Modhulika Rana from II CBT and 3rd – Urshitaa Mukherjii from I CZBT.

#### Event By The Interdisciplinary Division

The interdisciplinary division of UGCS organized their first event titled "Discussion on Pesticide Industries- The good and the bad" on the 10th of October 2020. The presenters of this session were Ananya, Joshika from II CBZ, who was accompanied by Nidhi from III IES. They presented their perspectives on how pesticides can be very beneficial, as well as harmful. This informative session was followed by a healthy discussion between the speakers and the participants. Moderators Malavika and Sanskriti from CPE helped in the smooth sailing of the event.

#### POLARIZE

#### Chem Boggle 2021

This event was held on the 19th of April 2021. In the event, students framed the name of the chemical compounds using the grid containing the formula of compounds. The winners were; 1st – Apeksha V from II MCB3

2nd-Hari Haran S from III PCM 3rd- Aathira Suresh from II PCM

#### Word Hunt 2021

The second event was held on 21th of April 2021. A total of 32 students took part in the event. The students were given a puzzle to hunt down the words in chemistry in the grid, using the hints. The winners were; 1st- Vinayaka S Koppad from III MCB 2nd- Grisha Sharma from I MCZ 3rd- Keerthi J from II CBT

#### Chem Cross 2021

The event was held on 23th of April 2021. Students took part in teams of two and had to fill the crossword grid with words related to chemistry, using the clues given. The winners were;

1st - Manav Madan Rawal from I PCM & Shashank A from I PCM

2nd - Likhith J from I PCM & Balayogan from I PCM

3rd- Apeksha V from II MCB & Sinchana R from II PCM

The events of POLARISE were conducted by Agnideepta from II MCZ, and Ramya G from II PCM.

#### CHEM TALKATHON 2021

The Chem Talkathon event was conducted on the 26th of April, 2021. The event was judged by Dr Shobha S.V. and Dr Jayashankar from the Department of Chemistry. All 6 participants presented their talk in the given time limit of 5+1 minutes, after which each was given 3 minutes to answer the questions. The concluding remarks for the event were given by Dr Shobha S. V. The event was conducted by Aathira Suresh from II PCM, Aishwarya R from II CZBT, Keerthi J from II CBT, and Surhiya R S from II CEB. The winners were: 1st – Likhith, J from I PCM 2nd - Sreestha Dinesh from III CZBT

3rd – J Anoop from I PCM

#### **EXPERIMENTZILLA**

Likhith and Prakruthi conducted the online event 'Experimentzilla' on the 8th of May 2021 where they conducted live experiments for students and had a quiz related to these experiments. A total of 35 participants were present.

The winners were: 1st – Shashank Arunkumar from I PCM 2nd – Alefiya from I CEB 3rd – Srishti Pargai from I CBT

All the events were conducted under the supervision of Dr Sunita Rajamani and Dr Valeen Rashmi.

#### Peer Learning Classes For Odd And Even Semester

Peer learning classes started inUGCS from May 1st week and lasted till 20th of June 2021. Lauren and Devika were the overall coordinators for the 6th semester. The following students were directly a part of the sessions.

Lauren from III CZBT, Swapna from III CZBT and Prakruti Mehta from III CEZ, Vivekanand Jha from III MCB taught Inorganic and Biochemistry.

Om Kumar coordinated the 4th-semester remedial classes. Om Kumar from II CBZ, Thejesvini A from III CEB, Vishaak K B from II PCM, Aathira Suresh from II PCM, Sanjana K B from II PCM, Modhulika Rana from II CBT, Sagar J C from II PCM, Keerthi J from II CBT, Sai Sri Navya from II CBT and Anuraag S Avadhany from II MCZ taught few lectures from the topic – Alkyl halides and Alkenes and alkynes The2nd-semesterclasses were coordinated by Likhith J from I PCM and the remedial classes for supplementary students were coordinated by Vivekananda Nayak from I PCM.

Vishesh Asnani from I CBT, Vivekananda Nayak from I PCM, Prathika Natarajhan from I CEZ, Sharath Shaji Thomas from I CZBT, Samridhi Dubey from I PCM, J Anoop from I PCM, Likhith J from I PCM taught chemistry classes and made the sessions interactive.

The students found it very helpful while teaching since they gained confidence and their own doubts were cleared. All the classes were coordinated by staff coordinators of UGCS, Dr Sunita and Dr Rashmi.

#### E-newsletter Team And The Process

The e-newsletter team published the first volume of the e-newsletter from the UG Chemical Society. It helped many students to get help with their writing ability. Students were happily involved in writing short scientific articles.



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# **DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY**

## Webinars

national webinar on 'Species Recovery and Conservation of Endangered Species in India' organised by Dr Paramesha M was conducted on June 5, 2020. The resource person for this event was Dr G Ravikanth, scientist at ATREE, Bengaluru. The webinar had 534 participants.

An international webinar on 'Current Trends in Phytomedicine Research' was conducted on June 14, 2020, with 85 participants in attendance. The sessions included invited lectures from resource persons and paper presentations of participants. Students of MSc and PhD scholars presented their dissertation works in the conference. Best Presentation Certificates were awarded to three participants. Overall, the feedback of the participants on the theme of current trends and research in the field of Phytomedicine research was promising.

# International Conference on Cancer and Genetics

n February 26, 2021, the international conference was declared open by Rev Fr Francis Pinto, SJ, Vice Principal of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous). The academic events began with the keynote address by Dr K V Venkatesh, a renowned professor from IIT, Bombay, on 'System Biology of Cancer: Interplay between Genetic, Signalling, Immune and Metabolic Factors'. This was followed by a series of talks by eminent oncologists. Dr. Vinay Hazare was declared the "Living Legend of Oncology by NCBI", National Institute of Health, USA. Ms C M Nanayakkara, Professor and Head of the Department of Plant Sciences, University

of Colombo, talked about the role of plants in the treatment of cancer. Dr Ahmed Al-Hejin, Professor of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Head of Microbiology Laboratory and Entrepreneurship and Knowledge Creativity Unit at King Fahad Medical Research Center, King Abdulaziz University, UAE, gave a talk on Cancer and Genetics. Dr Clarisse Nobre, University of Minho, Portugal, presented a paper on the 'Role of Prebiotics and Probiotics in Colorectal Cancer Treatment'. Dr Ashwath Channareddy, Principal Scientist and Head of Flowers and Medicinal Plants, IIHR, spoke on the effects of lifestyle on cancer.

Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ. was the chief guest. Dr Ramachandra, Director of Kidwai Institute of Oncology, Dr Lingegowda, former Director of Kidwai Institute of Oncology, and Dr Syed Wiqar, Director, Apollo Hospitals, were present. A parallel session of student paper presentations was conducted. Dr Praveen Kumar and Mr B S Ramesh chaired the sessions. Out of 45 research papers from this session, ten best papers were selected. The valedictory and prize distribution function was held on February 27, 2021. Rev Fr Swebert D' Silva, the Rector, was the chief guest. Dr Rangaswamy, Registrar, Vishweshwaraiah Technological University, Belgaum, was the guest of honour. Best papers presented by the students and delegates were awarded. All the coordinators of the conference were presented with 'Sandman awards'. For the academic excellence and scientific contributions made, Dr Jayarama Reddy, Professor St. Joseph's College, was honoured with the G.R. Patel 'Dronacharya Award' by the International Society of Gene and Cell Therapy and Gene Research Foundation on February 27, 2021.

### **Staff Achievements**



#### Dr A. Stephen

Dr A. Stephen contributed a chapter titled 'Biodiversity Conservation through Urban Forests: A Case Study from Chennai, India in Khajure and Rathod (Eds.) Marine Biology and Ecology through Narendra Publishing House, Delhi.

He was appointed as external examiner for a research candidate's dissertation titled 'Kedayan Traditional Healing and Their Calendric System - Where Do They Meet?' from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Jatan Tungku Link BE1410, Negara Brunei Darussalam.

He was also an organizer for a webinar on 05 May 2020 for which Dr Albert Premkumar, Tübitak, Guest Scientist, Istanbul University, Turkey, delivered a lecture on 'Plant Omics in Space' in association with Botanical Society, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

Dr Stephen A was invited as the resource person for multiple events. 'Are we doing enough for a better future? Biodiversity and Conservation: Averting Biodiversity meltdown in Tropics' was an international workshop/webinar organized for Green warriors of Cognizant by Outreach-Environment, Cognizant, Chennai, India. 'Should you do a PhD?' was the topic dealt with at the induction programme for a week-long FDP organized at college. 'Facets of Biodiversity and its Conservation' at a webinar organized by Cognizant in association with Air Force School, Hebbal, was another topic. 'Medicinal Plant Diversity and its Applications in Pharmaceuticals' was dealt with on a one-day national webinar at Palamuru University, Mahabubnagar, Telangana.

'Our Medicinal Plants – Our Heritage: Immune Boosting Medicinal Plants' at a national webinar at Department of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda College (Autonomous), Chennai. The same topic was handled at AARI Bioscience webinar series at Annakili Amma Research Institute (AARI), Chennai.

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## **Botanical Society**

#### What's Next After Your Master's Programme?

o clear the confusion in the minds of PG students, the Botanical Society organised a webinar by Dr Viraj Muthye, a postdoctoral researcher at Iowa State University, Ames, USA. Dr Muthye was welcomed and introduced by Mr Ganesh V of the society. Dr Viraj Muthye took forward the webinar by narrating his own journey and experiences of getting a doctoral degree in a foreign university. He then quoted some pros and cons of applying to foreign universities for doctoral research work. He also gave some ideas and tips on how students have to be prepared with utmost alertness and should have complete background information on several universities of interest and only apply to that university which is apt. He then cleared some of the questions posed by the staff and students and provided his contact source at the end of the webinar.

#### Sustainability at Home

A workshop/webinar on 'Sustainability at Home' was conducted by Mrs Vani Murthy, Composting Queen and Founder Member-SWMRT, Bengaluru as speaker of the day. Ms Nithya welcomed the gathering and introduced the speaker. The webinar was entirely based on the production of organic fertilisers and bio-enzymes using the kitchen bio-waste produced in our homes. Mrs Vani Murthy also stressed on the ongoing water and land pollution problems due to excessive usage of plastic and insisted to use alternatives to the plastic containers, and also demonstrated the process of making bio-enzymes as well as organic manure from the kitchen waste and the dry leaves (greens and browns)



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with no or less expenditure. She concluded her talk by answering the questions from the audience.

#### Lecture on Botanical History of India

A warm virtual welcome was accorded to the new batch 2020-2021 of the Botanical Society on August 8, 2020. MSc Botany student volunteers organised team building activities. The association was inaugurated on the Teams platform on August 27, 2020. Dr Mayur Nandikar, senior scientist, Naoroji Godrej Center for Plant Research Shirwal, Satara, was the chief guest who delivered a thought-provoking lecture on 'The Botanical History of India and Socio-economy'. An interactive session of 20 minutes was given to a total of 200 attendees with students from parts of Maharashtra and Rajasthan participating where they shared a few interesting stories and facts.

#### Transpire

On September 1, 2020, the association launched a social media series called 'Transpire.' Transpire aimed at giving its audience insights into the creative side of the plant kingdom. This social media series had an audience from kids to teachers. The 15-day event was a success and had received photographs, poetry, fiction pieces, etc., on Instagram along with ten articles from students across different states, including Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan.

#### Carnation

#### **Art of Scientific Writing**

ART OF

SCIENTIFIC WRITING

Writing a Review Paper



The most awaited event of the year was 'Carnation', an intercollegiate fest that celebrates the diversity of nature and plant culture. A total of six events focusing on ecology were organised, namely quiz, photography, videography, painting, sketching and storytelling. The event was open to registration and submission from October 19, 2020, and ended on November 11, 2020. All events were conducted on virtual platforms like Google meet, Google forms, and Instagram. A total of 78 entries came in from 14 colleges across the country. Winners were declared on November 14, 2020, and were awarded cash prizes. A gifting sponsor, Arni Garden Boutique gave special vouchers worth Rs. 2000 to the winners.

On November 10, 2020, the association conducted a webinar focused on scientific writing from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm via Microsoft Teams. Dr Anju Kumar, Postdoctoral Researcher, Virologist, INSERM, joined the team from France and shared his professional expertise and presented the students with a few tips on the 'Art of scientific writing.' A total of 200 students attended the webinar and by the end of it, many of the questions & doubts were clarified and discussed by the guest lecturer. Though 2020 was a tough year, the association and its members have been committed to their aim of connecting young minds to nature and providing the required industry skills.



# **DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY**

## Webinar on Career guidance

n the 30th of April 2021, a virtual session conducted was by the Department of Zoology with Ms Merlyn James who is currently pursuing MSc. in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics at Latrobe University, Australia as the resource person. The webinar guided the students to apply for various courses in Australia and in other European countries.

### **Natural Science Association**

week-long inter collegiate competitions such as photography, sketching, mimicry, pets talent and creative writing were conducted from the 26th of April to the 29th of April 2021. Each of them had set themes that the

participants had to follow. Various Colleges across the city participated online and won prizes.

# Webinar on Drug Discovery: Probable approaches to combat COVID-19

The Zoology department conducted a webinar on 'Drug Discovery: Probable approaches to combat COVID-19' on the 7th of August 2020 via Microsoft Teams. This webinar gave a complete detailed and deeper technical understanding of the Covid19 pandemic, the virus and its therapeutics that is of use to a layman. The speakers of the webinar were Dr Devaraju K. S, Professor and Chairman, Department of Biochemistry, Karnataka University, Dharwad and Dr Sivashish Banerjee, M.B.B.S., JIPMER, Puducherry. The aim was to enable the participants to appreciate how basic knowledge of physiology and cell biology can help them understand the disease better.

# **Anti Plastic Drive**

he Department of Zoology and A Rocha India, Bannerghatta organised a field event titled Anti Plastic Event on the 6th of March 2021 at the Bannerghatta National Park.

# Zoophite -21

epartment of Zoology organised Zoophite-21, an intercollegiate carnival which included competitions associated with Zoology, a student career webinar as well as a virtual conference on 'Diversity and distribution of Indian Birds'. There were various renowned resource persons for these programs. The resource person for the student webinar was Ms Meryln James from Latrobe University, Australia and the resource person for the virtual conference was Dr Raju Kasambe from Bombay Natural History Society. The events were conducted from the 26th of April 2021 to the 1st of May 2021 and had participants from various colleges across India.

## Staff achievements

r Jayashankar M authored an article titled 'Lakes and Multifaceted Ecosystems' that was published on the 6th of June 2020 in the Deccan Herald newspaper.He was invited as a guest speaker for a number of webinars this academic year.

He was also invited to the University Of Mysore, St. Joseph's ICSE School, Calicut and a talk organised by an NGO Swaasthya circle Foundation.He reviewed two research articles for the Journal of Asia-Pacific Entomology And Journal of Scientific Research and Reports.

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## DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

#### **Department Activities**

#### Kaleidoscope 3.0

he Department of Microbiology, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, organized its first international webinar lecture series

'Kaleidoscope 3.0 from July 9-11, 2020. The speakers were Dr Pankaj Prasad, postdoctoral associate at Weill Cornell Medical College, New York City, USA. He spoke on 'Cancer Stem Cells: Future Implications and Challenges'. The other speakers were Dr Arpit Mishra, Scientist, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. He spoke on 'DNA Looping and Editing in Diseases'. Dr Kartik Subramanian, Senior Research Investigator at Bristol– Myers Squibb Boston, Massachusetts, spoke on 'Role of Data Science in Cancer Research'. Dr Rini Shah, postdoctoral fellow at Boston's Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School spoke on 'The Art of Chromosomal Folding'. The department also organized an online 'Covid-19 Awareness Quiz' in the first week of May 2020.

#### Scientific writing workshop

The Department of Microbiology organized a two-day online workshop on 'Scientific Writing' from January 29-30, 2021. The resource person for the workshop was Dr Saurabh Mahajan, Atria University, Bengaluru, and Dr Kruttika Phalnikar, Indegene Inc., Bengaluru. The lectures were hosted on the official Zoom platform of the college. The speakers spoke about how to design and write scientific articles with special emphasis on review articles.

#### **Staff Achievements**

#### **Dr Beatrice Sequeira**

part from attending numerous webinars and completing online courses, Dr Beatrice Sequeira has attended several Faculty Development Programmes and workshops of which 'Approaches prominent are and Challenges to Interdisciplinary Research' from August 5-7, 2020, organized by St Joseph's College of Law, Bengaluru and an online workshop on IPR organized by SJC and SJCR on August 26, 2020. She also completed a one-week national-level online workshop on 'Interdisciplinary Research Methodology, ICT Application and Innovations in Teaching Learning Process' organized by St Francis DeSales College, Nagpur, from June 08 - 12, 2020.

#### **Dr Vanitha NM**

Dr Vanitha NM served as the resource person and one of the organisers for 'SJC Digital Teacher' conducted by our college. She was also the coordinator, organiser, and resource person for the Induction Programme for new faculty from July 23-30 at St. Joseph's College (Autonomous). She also attended numerous webinars and workshops prominent of which are Faculty Development Programme on 'SARS-COV-2 Research: Insights from Computational Biology' by Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous) and a five-day hands-on training E-workshop on 'Use of Animations in creating Virtual Lab for Biosciences' from August 25-29 by Atmiya University, Rajkot.

#### Dr Jothy W

Dr Jothy W defended her PhD thesis titled 'Development of plant growth promoting microbial consortia based on interaction studies to reduce Sclerotinia rot in Brassica oleracea L'on May 09, 2020, under the guidance of Dr Srividya, HOD and Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, JAIN (Deemed-to-be-University), Bengaluru. She also organized and was the Coordinator of the two-day lecture workshop on 'OMIC Sciences in the times of COVID - 19 Pandemic' organized by the Department of Microbiology, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru in association with the Indian Academy of Sciences, Bengaluru, Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi and the National Academy of Sciences, Allahabad on 9th and 10th October 2020.

#### **Dr Popy Dutta**

Dr Popy Dutta organized a two-day online workshop on 'Scientific Writing' from January 29-30, 2021. She also completed a 21-day UGC-sponsored orientation course conducted by Mizoram University from July 28-August 17, 2020 with grade A.

#### Ms Ria Saha

Ms Ria Saha co-organized the international webinar series 'Kaleidoscope 3.0' organized

by the Department of Microbiology, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru. She also co-organized and participated in the two-day lecture workshop on 'OMIC Sciences in the times of COVID - 19 Pandemic' organized by the Department of Microbiology, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru in association with the Indian Academy of Sciences, Bengaluru, Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi and the National Academy of Sciences, Allahabad on 9th and 10th October 2020.

#### Ms Shahmali Kamath Prabhu

Ms Shalmali Kamath Prabhu convened the international webinar lecture series 'Kaleidoscope 3.0' from July 9-11, organized by the Department of Microbiology, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous). She was invited as an external examiner for the online assessment of Internal Literature Review Projects by TY BSc (Batch 2020-21) on April 26, 2021, by R D and S H National College and SWA Science College, Bandra West, Mumbai. She also co-organized and participated in the two-day lecture workshop on 'OMIC Sciences in the times of COVID - 19 Pandemic' organized by the Department of Microbiology, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru in association with the Indian Academy of Sciences, Bengaluru, Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi and the National Academy of Sciences, Allahabad on 9th and 10th October 2020. She completed a synopsis presentation and registered for PhD in the Department of Microbiology, CPGS, Jain University, Bengaluru.

#### **Microbiological Society**

icrobiological Society, the postgraduate association of the Department of Microbiology, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, was inaugurated on September 26, 2020, at 4:30 pm on Microsoft Teams. Dr Subhojit Sen, Ramalingaswami Fellow, UM-DAE Centre for Excellence in Basic Sciences, School of Biological Sciences, Maharashtra, was invited to commemorate the occasion with his lecture 'Tracking Stress-Induced Epigenetic Changes: from Human Cancers to Chlamydomonas'. The event was attended by the faculty members, officebearers, postgraduate and undergraduate students of microbiology, and was also live-streamed on YouTube to a wider audience.

#### **Crafting your careers**

Microbiological Society organized a talk on 'Crafting your career' by Dr Smita Jain, executive director of IndiaBioscience, Bengaluru on November 6, 2020. The lecture was hosted on the official Zoom platform of the college. Dr Jain spoke about the importance of knowing the various intricacies of careers and what they entail. She also emphasized on how to work on establishing interests and accomplishments in the most interesting and concise way, while being noticeable too.

#### **Conversations around Sci-Art**

On December 18, 2020, Microbiological Society organized an interactive lecture on scientific art by Dr Ipsa Jain, science communicator and illustrator. The lecture was hosted on the official Zoom platform of the college at 6:30 pm and was attended by the staff and students of the Department of Microbiology, as well as other interested students. The talk was highly interactive, and Dr Jain kept the audience engaged throughout with activities. These activities demonstrated how our interpretation of science depends on our skillset as well as our preexisting knowledge, preconceived notions, and inherent biases, which is why visuals are important in the field of science in particular.

#### Microcosm

icrocosm, the undergraduate association of the Department of Microbiology, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, conducted its inauguration for the academic year 2020-2021 on August 27, 2020. The occasion was graced by Dr Sheela Reuben, Secretary of the Biorisk Association of Singapore, Singapore. Dr Reuben talked on 'Biosafety - from Principles to Practice'.

Microcosm hosted its first event for the year on September 19, 2020, with a talk on 'Learning and Memory Formation in Songbirds' by Dr Payal Arya, post-doctoral fellow at the Wellesley College, Boston.

#### **Treasure hunt**

Microcosm hosted its third event on October 18, 2020. It was conducted after two rounds of prelims. There were a total of 27 teams from different combinations including Humanities and Commerce.

#### Convergence

'Convergence' was Microcosm's fourth event for the academic year. It was based on the idea of emulsifying science and literature together. It was open for all combinations. Convergence had a total of 5 events, namely, creative writing, poetry, caption making, meme-making and illustrations.

#### FERMENT-21

Microcosm hosted its intercollegiate fest 'FERMENT-21' from April 5-10, 2021. The events included an online treasure hunt, Off the Cuff, The Science Entrepreneur, Satire, and Photography. The lecture was hosted on the official MS Teams and Zoom platform. 15 colleges from across the country participated.

#### **Ubiquitous 3.0**

Microcosm's annual newsletter was officially released on April 10, 2021, during the valedictory ceremony of Ferment-21. The newsletter is a collection of stimulating articles written by the students of the Department of Microbiology. There are also comic strips, puzzles, riddles and artwork etc. made by the students of our department. The newsletter was put together by Neeleshwar (III MCB) and Vaibhavi (II MCB). After its official release, the newsletter was sent to all the classes and was made available on Microcosm's Instagram page: microcosm\_sjc.





# DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

Department of he Biotechnology was granted permission to start the M.Sc. Biotechnology course from the academic year 2021-22. Dr Susan Mary Philip was appointed as the coordinator for the programme. The department has developed a comprehensive curriculum tailored for the next generation of researchers.

On the 16th of April 2021, the department collaborated with Bayer Corporation Ltd to conduct an online lab tour and interactive session in lieu of the annual field/industrial visit for the final year CBBT and CZBT students. The sessions focused on newage techniques in farming and insights into Agriculture in the 21st century.

The department conducted an online workshop on the use of R software for

Biostatistics for the final year CBBT and CZBT students. The resource person was Dr Saurabh Mahajan of Atria University. The workshop allowed students to understand how R is useful in a variety of biostatistical analysis and data representation.

The final year research projects had to be reimagined in the context of covid and the inability of students to access lab space and equipment. However, very meaningful research projects were planned and supervised by the faculty. Research findings were presented by student teams of both the 2017-20 and 2018-21 batches on project symposia conducted online on MS teams. This year's final year batch presented their project findings over a two-day online symposium on the 18th and 19th of June 2021 and there were a variety of very high quality and interesting research topics.

#### Science Academies Lecture Workshop

he Department organized the Science Academies Lecture Workshop on "Recent Trends in Microbiology and Biotechnology" on the 12th and 13th of January, 2021. Dr Dipshikha Chakravortty, Professor, Dept of Microbiology and Cell Biology (MCB), Centre of Biosystem Science and Bioengineering, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) was the Convenor, and Dr Grace Prabhakar was the coordinator for the workshop. The workshop shed light on a range of topics from human pathogenesis to the utility of microorganisms as well as interactions of the plants - microbes. The following talks were delivered: Bacterial Pathogenesis by Dr Dipshikha Chakravortty

Molecular Needles by Dr Dipshikha Chakravortty

Microorganisms for human welfare by Dr D.J.Bagyaraj, Centre for Natural Biological Resources and Community Development, Bengaluru.

Mycorrhizal fungi for sustainable agriculture by Dr D.J.Bagyaraj

Study of Molecular Dynamics at Plant-Molecular Interface by Dr Channarayappa, Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Bengaluru.

Oxidative Stress: An overview by Dr Channaraya by Dr K M Harinikumar, GKVK, UAS, Bangalore

Molecular Markers by Dr K M Harinikumar

#### **Staff Achievements**

Fernadez Teresa S (18CZBT37006), Ms Sreya Mandal (18CZBT37016), and Ms Sumayra Sultanji (18CZBT37040) from the final year CZBT class co-authored a research paper entitled 'Analysis of the potential impact of genomic variants in SARS-CoV-2 genomes from India on molecular diagnostic assays'. Dr Saurabh Mahajan from the department was part of the research team which collaborated with Dr Vinod Scaria at IGIB, New Delhi. The work is published in the International Journal of Infectious Diseases.

#### Dr Debarati

Dr Debarati published a research article titled 'Longevity promoting efficacies of rutin in high fat diet fed Drosophila melanogaster' in Scopus Indexed journal Biogerontology with impact factor 3.8.

#### **Dr Anthony Johnson**

Dr Anthony Johnson published the following papers - "Nickel tolerance and biosorption potential of rhizobia associated with horse gram [Macrotyloma uniflorum (Lam.) Verdc.]", in the International Journal of Phytoremediation with an Impact Factor 3.212 in February 2021.

"Multilocus sequence analysis of a 'Candidatus Phytoplasma australasia'related strain associated with peanut little leaf disease in India" in the Journal of Plant Pathology with an Impact Factor of 2.442 in November 2020.

"Pathophysiology of high fat diet induced obesity: impact of probiotic banana juice on obesity associated complications and hepatosteatosis" in the journal Scientific Reports 10, 16894 with an impact factor of 4.379 in October 2020.

Dr Anthony Johnson also published a book chapter entitled GM Crops for Virus resistance - A Primer in the book "Genetically Modified Crops Current Status, Prospects and Challenges Volume 2" edited by Kishor, P. B. Kavi, Rajam, M. V., Pullaiah, T. (Eds.). Springer/Nature ISSN: 978-981-15-59i.

#### Dr Madappa MB

Dr Madappa MB was part of the team that translated an information booklet on COVID-19 called "The Pandemic Notebook" into the Kannada language. The translated version was published by The Hindu on the 10th of April 2020. The book was released in many languages across India. The Centre of Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune coordinated the process. Dr Madappa was also part of the team that designed the diagrams for all versions of the translated languages.

Dr Madappa MB was part of the team that constructed the online software platform for the conduction of end semester exams 2020, jointly coordinated by Mr Cyril in collaboration with LINWAYS company.

Dr Madappa MB is nominated as the Bangalore City University nominee for the board of studies meeting at the Department of Biotechnology, Mount Carmel College, Bangalore.

#### **Dr Susan Mary Philip**

Dr Susan Mary Philip and Dr Lindsay Whitlow of Seattle University, along with colleagues at St. Joseph's and Seattle University also presented a poster titled 'Global Educational and Research Partnership in Bangalore and Seattle by St. Joseph's College and Seattle University' at the three-week Justice in Higher Education Conference, from 8th of June through 24th of June 2021. This virtual conference was organised by the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU), and coordinated by the Centre for Social Justice, Research, Training and Service at Georgetown University, USA. The conference had plenary sessions on Spirituality and Justice in Jesuit Higher Education, Racial and Immigrant Justice, Women in Leadership and Environmental Justice.

Was a member of the Board of Studies of the Department of Biotechnology, Garden City University, and a doctoral committee member for a PhD scholar at GCU.

Was the keynote speaker and trainer for the 'Science through Inquiry and Research' workshop, organized for faculty of Life Sciences by the Bishop Heber College, Trichy, and funded by the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia held from 23rd to 26th of June 2021.

Was the organizer and coordinator of the two-month-long workshop conducted by the Josephite Research Forum, for undergraduate students of St. Joseph's College titled 'The How of Research'.

Was involved in the organisation of a National level FDP on 'Frontiers of Smart Learning', jointly with coordinators of the DBT Star College Coordinators in Bangalore held from 24th to 26thof June 2020.



#### **Student Achievements**

heethal Kooduvalli of III CZBT was selected for the 8-week, HMS Cell Biology summer research scholars' program in March 2021. This international selection is part of the Harvard Medical School online summer research program.

Namrata Achan of III CZBT was selected for the IAS Summer research fellowship programme in March 2021 and is part of the IAS SRFP group of 2021. She is currently working under the supervision of Dr R. Harinarayanan at CDFD, Hyderabad.

Nikitha D of III CZBT was selected for the IAS Summer research fellowship programme in May 2021 and is part of the IAS SRFP group of 2021. She will work under the supervision of Dr Moinak Banerjee, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Thiruvananthapuram.

Shreyas Padmanabha Sharma of 2017-2020 CBBT was selected as a delegate to the I

nternational Summit Youth AG Summit 2021, organised by Bayer Corporation Ltd.

Sanskriti Suman of 2017-2020 CZBT cleared the National GAT-B examination with an All India Rank of 32.

Mandhara Bellur of 2017-2020 CZBT, AIR 890 and Swapna of 2018-2020 CZBT, AIR 1303 cleared the National level JAM entrance exam.

Elten Johni of 2017-2020 CBBT cleared CAT 2021 and has admission offers from IIMs at Ahmedabad, Indore and Lucknow.





# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

#### **Green Chemistry**

epartment of Environmental Science and Department of Chemistry offered a Certificate Course in Principles of Green Chemistry in collaboration with Dr Ram Mohan from Illinois Wesleyan University, USA from 2nd January to 30th April 2020. Dr Ram Mohan visited India on a Fulbright Nehru Fellowship and had selected our college to offer his expertise in the field of Green Chemistry. He was very keen to interact with our staff members and students to promote and incorporate the principles of Green Chemistry into our curriculum. He conducted the course on Saturdays and public holidays, and whenever students had free time. He assessed the students

continuously based on their attendance, class participation and presentation and also on a minor research work and poster presentation. 28 Undergraduate Biological and Chemical Science students successfully completed the course. Dr Ram also delivered a special talk on Green Chemistry to the faculty members and motivated them to concentrate on the application of Green Chemistry in their laboratories and carry out research in the same field.

### Environment- From Science to Culture

n August 1st, 2020, a webinar titled 'Environment-From Science to Culture' was organised by the Department of Environmental Science on Google Meet. The resource person for the event was Mr Satya Prakash Varanashi, a professor and a practising Architect. The moderators were Ms Tanvi Agarwal and Ms Madhupreeta Muralidhar. The webinar was conducted in different segments. Prof. Varanashi spoke about sustainable living and connecting architecture to sustainability. It was an informative webinar that gave a new perspective on sustainable living.

#### **Conversations on conservation**

n September 12, 2020, a webinar titled 'Conversation on Conservation' was organised by the Department of Environmental Science. The speakers were Mr Gopakumar Menon and Mr Raghav Gupta. The moderator was Ms Shree Kumari. The speakers spoke about the importance of conservation ethics that needed to be followed in various fieldwork along with their work and experience in conservation. It was a very interactive and knowledgeable session.



## DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

#### **Staff Achievements**

#### Dr Anupriya Mazumder

r Anupriya Mazumder from Food Science and Technology department successfully completed AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Online Faculty Development Programmes on "Non-thermal Processing of Food Products" conducted by the College of Food Processing Technology and Bioenergy held from 29th of June to 3rd of July 2021. She acted as a technical reviewer for the Journal of Applied Phycology and Algal research and reviewed 5 international articles. Dr Mazumder participated in two national and one international conference virtually and presented her research work.

#### **Dr Mohan Kumar S**

Dr Mohan Kumar S from the department of Food Science and Technology secured 2nd Prize for oral presentation in an international virtual conference organized by Sree Balaji Dental College and Hospital, Tamil Nadu on "Oral Microbiome - ORMICON 2020" in June 2020. He published a paper on 'Evaluation of antibacterial activity of the endophytic fungi isolated from spice plants' in the International Journal of Botanical Studies. Dr Mohan presented his PhD research work in three international virtual conferences and participated in several National and International conferences.

#### **Mr Abel Kooran Varghese**

Mr Abel Kooran Varghese attended a workshop on Research and Publication Ethics held on the 13th of February 2021 held under the auspices of LIBA, Chennai. He also participated in a National Webinar on Nutrition, Nutraceuticals, Health and Wellness – Academia Industry Interface organized by the Nutrition and Nutraceutical Research Centre (NNRC), Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bengaluru on 16th of December 2020.

#### **Dr Sunita Adak**

Dr Sunita Adak successfully completed the National Level Online Workshop on "E-Content Development" with a 98% score organized from 7th to 12th of June 2021 by St. Ann's College, Kokrajhar, Assam. Dr Adak also participated in a Three Day Virtual International Workshop on "Research Methodology" organized by the Department of Physical Science in Association with IQAC APS College of Arts and Science from 17th to 19th of June 2021.

## **SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**





## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Online workshop on Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) using AMOS

he School of Commerce and Management organized its first online workshop on 'Structural Equation Modelling (SEM)' using AMOS, from the 5th of 2020 to the 8th of August 2020. Dr R Kasilingam, Professor, Department of Management Studies, School of Management, Pondicherry University, was the resource person for the workshop. The focus of the workshop was to learn the tools and techniques of SEM using AMOS software. Guru Gyaan-Corporate Communication and Strategy Planning

s a part of integrating corporate skills with academic excellence, Guru Gyaan – a gateway to ace in the very dynamic corporate environment was held on 23rd of September 2020, for post-graduate students. Experts and professionals from the corporate domain shared their insight, experience, and essentials of being the next-gen prospective employees through lectures. Guru Gyaan - lesson 3 was a culmination of two robust, formidable motifs: Corporate Communication and Strategy Planning. The highlights and learning outcomes included- Essential skills for corporate

communication, the importance of communication strategy in crisis management, approaches to strategic planning, and consciously determining the current scenario considering the competitive business world.

#### Research Methodology using SPSS

workshop on 'Research Methodology using SPSS' was conducted on the 24th of January 2021. The students understood the A, B, and C of report writing Accuracy, Brevity, Clarity, Criteria for Acceptance or rejection of null hypothesis, Outcomes and Type 1 and Type 2 errors, principles of good report writing and elements of effective documentation.

#### Road to Research-Art of Analysis and Interpretation

'Road to Research-Art of Analysis and Interpretation' was organised on the 13th of March 2021. The session cleared the route for researchers to facilitate their issues identified with their study. This session was fruitful for the students and professors since it had a lot of information about research analysis and tools like SPSS.

#### **Statistical Design**

workshop on 'Statistical Design' was conducted on the 31st of March 2021.The statistical design comes under experimental design. The event was mainly focused on the concepts of randomised blocks, Latin square design, and factorial design and was explained with different kinds of examples.

#### Placement Orientation Programme for Professional Studies

'Placement Orientation Programme for Professional Studies' was organised on the 9th of April 2021. The session highlighted the need for employability and interpersonal skills. Skills required to grow and sustain in the dynamic environment outside campus life. This placement orientation session was presided over by Placement Officer Mr Pruthvi Kashyap.

Guest lecture on Risk management measures on the Commodity derivatives market

uest lecture on 'Risk management measures on the Commodity derivatives market'was conducted on the 29th of April 2021. The resource persons deliberated on the various risks involved in Commodity derivative trading and measures to value it. The highlight of the session was showing the Real-Time trading platform, which takes place on the MCX platform.

#### Emporio 2021- Tilting the Hourglass

he School of Commerce and Management conducted a twoday inter-collegiate Business Fest for students across the country on the 21st and 22nd of May 2021. This was the 6th edition of the fest from the School. The chief quest for the inauguration was Mr Shabbir Raja, co-founder of Blue-chip computer systems and Liberty computer systems active in the IT sector in Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah. Mr Shabbir encouraged the students on being future entrepreneurs and spoke on the importance of ethics as a must in business. There was a series of events live-streamed using Twitch -Finance, Marketing, Human Resource, Business Quiz, Best Manager, Event Management, Corporate sustainability, public relations, Board Room and Product Launch.

#### Guest lecture on Fundamentals of Capital Markets

he purpose of the guest lecture was to gain Awareness about the early savings habit that can affect one's future from uncertain activity/ events of life, tax planning, careful budgeting techniques and various investment options.

#### Virtual National Level Faculty Development Programme On "Research Methodology In Commerce And Management"

he School of Commerce and Management proudly organised its first Virtual National level FDP series on "Research methodology in Commerce and Management", on the 27th and 28th of May 2021.

Dr I. R. N. Gaudar, Former Scientist G. NAL, was the resource person for session one of Day 1. He spoke on the topic, "Introduction to research design, Art of literature review; E-resources".

Dr Rupesh Kumar A, Assistant Professor, Department of Studies and Research in Library and Information science, Tumkur University, was the resource person for Day 2. He elaborated on the topic, "Cite while you write: Reference Management in Scholarly writing".

#### **Staff Achievements**

#### Dr Christo Selvan V

Dr Christo Selvan V Published research paper titled, An Exploratory Study on the extent of Budgeting Practices within Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in International Journal of Psychosocial.

Published research paper titled, A Study on the Factors Affecting the Knowledge of Impact Investing in International Journal of Psychosocial Rehabilitation.

Published research paper titled, A Study on the Use of Gamification in Human Resource Management: Impact on Job Satisfaction and Engagement in Studies in Indian Place Names.

Published research paper titled, The Liquidity Impact on Bond Calculation on Credit Losses: A Malaysian banks' Perspective in International Journal of Finance, Insurance and Risk Management, Volume 10, Issue 2, 79-115 2020.

Published a paper entitled "The Impact of Technology in Modern Accounting

Profession – A Descriptive Study" in Journal of Huazhong University of Science and Technology Volume 50 Issue 03 - 2021. Contributed as resource person for National Conference on Progression of Statistics in Indian Business organised by the PG Department of Commerce and Research Centre, Nazareth Margoschis College at Pillaiyanmanai Nazareth, Tamil Nadu.

Contributed as resource person for National Conference on "Progression of Strategies in Indian Business" organised by the PG Department of Commerce and Research Centre, Nazareth Margoschis College at Pillaiyanmanai Nazareth, Tamil Nadu.

#### **Mr Charles Ambrose**

Authored a book on "Income Tax-I" and published by The Native Tribe Publications. Edited a book on "Sustainable Development Goals - A Quest by Generation Z" and published by The Native Tribe Publications.

Co-Edited the book Titled "Impact of COVID-19 on Economy, Business, Education and Social Life" Volume-2, published by The Native Tribe Publications. Presented a paper titled "A Study on the scope of implementation of Social Stock Exchange in India" in KRISYM 2020-The 13th International Conference on Revisiting Three Decades of Liberalization and Globalization- Status, Prospects and Challenges organized by the School of Management, Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), Bengaluru on 14th & 15th February 2020.

Published paper titled "A Study on the Scope of Implementation of Social Stock Exchange in India" in Turkish Online Journal of Qualitative Inquiry (TOJQI) Volume 12, Issue 8, July 2021: 323-339.

Published Paper Titled "A Comparative Analysis Of Customer Service Quality In Public And Private Sector Banks In India With A Special Reference To Bangalore" In Journal Of Hunan University (Natural Sciences) Vol 48 No 6 June 2021.

Contributed as a Resource person and organizer for the Faculty Development Programme titled "SJC Digital Teacher" held from 25th June 2020 to 30th June 2020 organized by St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru.

Contributed as resource person for "Induction Programme"- a week long Faculty Development Programme held from 23rd July 2020 to 30th July 2020 organized by St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru.

#### Dr Padma Nandanan

Declared and awarded the Degree, Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) by R&D Centre, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore effective from 10th July 2020.

#### Mr Cyril

Published research paper on "Behavioural change of Individual Investors during the Financial Crisis" in International Journal of Psychological Rehabilitation with ISSN: 1475-7192.

#### Ms Amita Priyadarshini

Invited to speak at a webinar organised by the Environmental Science Graduates Association, Karnataka on the topic, "Corporate Sustainability in the 21 st Century – The ESG Era" on the 10th of July 2021.

#### **Ms Princy Nisha**

Published paper titled "A Study on the Scope of Implementation of Social Stock Exchange in India" in Turkish Online Journal of Qualitative Inquiry (TOJQI) Volume 12, Issue 8, July 2021: 323-339.

Published Paper Titled "A Comparative Analysis Of Customer Service Quality In Public And Private Sector Banks In India With A Special Reference To Bangalore" In Journal Of Hunan University (Natural Sciences) Vol 48 No 6 June 2021.

#### Ms Ahana Ruth Pinto

Published a paper titled "Employee Engagement of Female Workforce" in the international journal of Scientific Research in Engineering and Management, Vol-5 issue-2(February 2021).

#### Mr Mohammed Umair

Published a book on the title "Modern Marketing" as per New CBCS Scheme for 2nd-semester B.Com course, Bangalore central University by Skyward Publisher. Addressed the students as resource person at Sheshadripuram Institute of commerce and Management on the topic "Etiquettes of Online Classes".

Authored a book on 'Marketing and Event Management' - Skyward Publisher.

#### Mr Prabhakar K

Published research paper on Effectiveness of Performance Appraisal system in Zomoto, Bengaluru in Studies in Indian Place Names- Vol-40, Issue-60-March 2020. Published research paper titled, A study on customer awareness and services towards Bancassurance in Bengaluru city in Studies in Indian Place Names.

Published research paper titled, Digital Marketing and Its Impact on buying behaviour of youths in Bengaluru in Studies in Indian Place Names.

Published research paper titled, A study on Impact of social media marketing on consumer buying behaviour with special reference to youth in Studies in Indian Place Names.

Contributed as subject matter expert on Digital marketing organised by Pragathi Group of Institutions.

Contributed as resource person for an invited talk on Career Opportunities organised by Pragathi Group of Institutions.

#### Ms Ria Idicula

Published a paper titled "The economic impact of Covid 19 and the transformation in the GST system in the Journal of Management in Government.

Presented a paper titled "Impact of IT in the GST System in India " in the National Conference on Digital India: An IT Revolution. National Conference jointly organized by Social Science & Management Welfare Association, Youth Economics Association & Radiant Group of Institution, Jabalpur (M. P.), INDIA.

#### Ms Niha Asif

Published a book on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as per CBCS syllabus for 5th-semester B.com, Bengaluru Central University and Bangalore North University.

Presented a paper titled " Impact of IT in the GST System in India " in the National Conference on Digital India: An IT Revolution. National Conference jointly organized by Social Science & Management Welfare Association, Youth Economics Association & Radiant Group of Institution, Jabalpur (M. P.), INDIA.

Presented a paper titled "Impact of Chatbots in India " in the National Conference On Digital India: An IT Revolution. National Conference jointly organized by Social Science & Management Welfare Association, Youth Economics Association & Radiant Group of Institution, Jabalpur (M. P.), INDIA.

Presented a paper titled "Impact of GST on hospitality post COVID", in a two-day International Conference on "Geopolitics in post COVID Era: Emerging Dimensions and Dynamics" organized by the UGC-HRDC, Osmania University, Hyderabad, in collaboration with Hyderabad Institute of social sciences (HISS) Hyderabad, Telangana State.

#### Ms Sayantani Banerjee

Published a paper in International Journal of Advanced Science and Technology, on the title "A Study on the Effect of Capital Inflow in India on Exchange Rate Indices". Published a Book chapter on A study of External, commercial, borrowing, and its relation with the index of Industrial Production in India by Shanlax Publications. Completed eight-week online MOOC course by NPTEL funded by the Ministry of MHRD on "Educational Leadership".

Published research paper on The Ebb and Flow of Indian Retail Sector in the time of Pandemic in An International Bilingual Peer Reviewed Refereed Research Journal. Invited and part of Associated Chamber of Commerce of India as the core committee member CSR and Sustainability Committee, Southern Region at the National Level.

#### Dr S. Amudhan

Published a research paper entitled, "A study on Investment Behaviour among Investors with special reference to Bangalore city in International Journal of Mechanical and Production Engineering Research and Development in Vol 10, issue -3 June 2020 with impact factor. at Presidency College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.



#### Ms Usha Priyadarshini

Published research paper titled, "Role of Social Entrepreneurs as Social Transformation Agents: An Insight in Studies in Indian Place Names (UGC CARE Journal).

Presented a paper titled "A study on personal factors influencing Women Social Entrepreneurs Across Bengaluru City" in the 7th National Level Conference (Virtual Edition) on "Women in Leadership" organized by Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

Presented and Received best research paper award for her paper titled "CSR contribution towards the normalcy and upliftment of the society during Covid 19 pandemic " in ICON 2021 virtual international conference on "New order & its implications on Business Dynamics Published a paper titled "CSR contribution towards the normalcy and upliftment of the society during Covid 19 pandemic" in Palarch's Journal of Archaeology of Egypt/ Egyptology, Volume -18, Issue - 9, 2021.

#### Dr Hariharan R

Successfully defended his doctoral thesis titled "A Study of Price Fixation Mechanism in Indian Commodity Market" at the University of Mysore.

Published research paper Titled, "Lead-Lag Relationship between Commodity Spot and Futures Markets in India" in Studies in Indian Place Names (UGC CARE Journal). Delivered a guest lecture on the topic of commodity market at Indian Academy College and St. Joseph's Evening College.

Presented Research paper Titled, "Price

discovery on Spot and Futures Commodity Market in India", at the International Finance Conference online organised by K J Somaiya Institute of Management, Mumbai, India.

#### Ms Sana Begum M

Published a paper in International Journal on Emerging Technologies on the title "Economic Impact of Gender Inequality in Service Sector in Bengaluru City".

Secured 2nd place in B.S. Narayan Memorial Throwball Intercollegiate tournament held on 19th and 20th February 2021 organised by the Department of Physical Education and Sports Science at B.M.S College of Engineering Bengaluru.

Presented and received best research paper award for her paper titled "CSR contribution towards the normalcy and upliftment of the society during Covid 19 pandemic " in ICON 2021 virtual international conference on "New order & its implications on Business Dynamics held on 1st and 2nd July 2021 at Presidency College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.

Published a paper titled "CSR contribution towards the normalcy and upliftment of the society during Covid 19 pandemic" in Palarch's Journal of Archaeology of Egypt/ Egyptology.

#### Dr Fathima Farzana J

Successfully defended her doctoral thesis at Madurai Kamaraj University, Tamil Nadu on 28th April 2021.

Successfully cleared K-SET examination in Management paper.

Contributed as Resource Person on the topic, "Accounting & Auditing" during the Five-day Online Crash course on "UGC NTA NET/SET paper-II Commerce", conducted by the Department of Corporate Secretaryship in association with IQAC, Patrician College of Arts & Science, Adyar, Chennai.

Published an article in an International Journal of Psychosocial Rehabilitation paper titled, "Sustainable Accounting through Ind AS 116- AN investigation" vol.24, Issue 8.

Contributed as a resource person and delivered a lecture about "Technology

and tools for online teaching and learning " in Three Day Virtual FDP on "Covid 19 Creating a Paradigm Shift in rural teaching & Learning practices organized by IQAC, Caussanel College of Arts & Science.

#### Mr Pruthvi Kashyap

Contributed as resource person in training the students on Resume building and Pre-placement training organized by Department of Commerce, Christ Deemed to be University.

#### **Dr B Senthil**

Contributed as resource person for an Orientation Programme on National Innovation and Start-up Policy organized by K S R College of Arts and Science for Women, Salem.

Presented a paper titled "Impact of GST on hospitality post COVID", in a two day International Conference on "Geopolitics in pot COVID Era: Emerging Dimensions and Dynamics" organized by the UGC-HRDC, Osmania University, Hyderabad, in collaboration with Hyderabad Institute of social sciences (HISS) Hyderabad, Telangana State, India.

Contributed as resource person and delivered a special lecture on "National Innovation and Startup Policy 2019" at KSR Polytechnic College, Namakkal.

Contributed as resource person and delivered a special lecture on "Accounting Information System" at Alpha Arts and Science College, Chennai.

Delivered an expert online session on "Significance of Rural Research under New Education Policy 2020" as a Guest Speaker under Series of National Webinar on "Research Perspectives In The New Education Policy 2020" at G. S. College of Commerce, Wardha.

Contributed as a resource person and delivered a special lecture on Agripreneurship The Sole Saviour of Rural Economies in the NABARD Sponsored National Conference on Sustainable Agriculture And Farmers Welfare For Rural Development held at AVVM Pushpam College, Tanjore.

Contributed as a resource person and

delivered a special lecture on "Set your goal" at KSR College of Arts and Science for Women, Namakkal.

Contributed as a resource person and delivered a special lecture on "How to prepare for NET?" at PPG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore.

#### Ms Gisa George

Published a research paper on A study on Employee Attrition in the Corporate world with reference to Bengaluru in International journal of multidisciplinary educational research.

Presented a paper titled, "Incorporating the new normal in human resource post covid-19 and thereafter – hr morning" in "Vishleshan- International Conference on Post Covid Practices 1.0", organized online by ISBR Business School, Bangalore, India on 23rd February 2021.

Published paper titled "Incorporating the New Normal in Human Resource Post Covid-19 And Thereafter – HR Morning" in International Journal of All Research Education & Scientific Methods, (IJARESM). Presented a paper titled "Incorporating the new normal in HR post covid-19 and thereafter- HR morning " at the international conference organised by ISBR Business School, Bangalore.

#### **Students Achievements**



Ms Teena Maria Rani of 2nd M. Com (2019-21batch) has successfully cleared

KSET examination in January 2021.

Ms Yashasvi S of 2nd M. Com secured First place in Albert-SJIM Business Plan Competition organised by St. Joseph's Institute of Management.

The first batch B.COM IFA students (2019 batch) appeared for ACCA skill level professional examination papers in the month of February 2021 and have successfully cleared the exam in the areas-Financial Reporting - Deeksha S M; Mohamed Hashim Sait; Jevin Mathew Jacob; Mohammed; Salman; Dhun.D; Boney Thomas; Bushra Khanam; Ain Masoomeh Mirza; Adriel Aaron Alemao; Nivedya Das; Nehashree S; Neha Janet A; Deekshitha Reddy Nagirimadugu; Madhumita Bm; Aaditya Siva Kumar; Nitin Mayur.S

Financial Management - Abel Thomas; Akankshya Das; Manikanta S; Hrithik Ramachandran; Ayan A; Sourav Shrimal; Shivani Singh; K Pratheek Medappa Audit And Assurance - Tanushka R Prasad; Sreesha

The following students cleared CA foundation level exam - Amit B R, D Sai Pooja, Aravindan T S of 1st B. Com A; Prerna Salva of 1st B. Com B; Mohammed Kamran and Muskan Bansal of 1st B. Com C; Devdut Dutta of 1st BPS; Hamza Sait of 2nd B. Com B; Ganesh, Ashwin Subhash, Lokesh K P, Prajwal G, Rishab Jain of 2nd B. Com B.

The following students have successfully cleared the Company Secretary foundation level exam - Monika S of 2nd B. Com B; Arun Vyas of 2nd B. Com C. Shafiya Sultana of 2nd BBA- A regular

has successfully cleared the Company Secretary CSEET level exam.

#### Best paper awards:

Anup Andrew and Kavya Prakash of 2nd M. Com won the Best paper award on a research paper titled, "Behavioral factors influencing Traders' Decision making in

Bengaluru" at St. Joseph's College Arts and

Science, Chennai, under the PG scholars' category.

Eshwar, Shashikanth and Deepika of 2nd M.Com won second prize and Second-Best paper award titled, "A Study On Consumer Perception Towards Mobile Payment Apps In Urban Bangalore" in Samshodhan 2021, the national level online research seminar for postgraduate students conducted by the Department of Commerce, Christ (Deemed to be University).

#### **Research paper Publication:**

Anup Andrew and Kavya Prakash of 2nd M. Com presented and published a research paper titled, "Behavioral factors influencing Traders' Decision making in Bengaluru" at St. Joseph's College Arts and Science, Chennai.

Paavana C D and Gayithri of 2nd M. Com has published a research paper on A Study on Foreign Direct Investment on Health Care Sector Towards Columbia Asia Hospital in an International journal with IJRESM.

Bensen Korah Alex, Saranya U and Jeya Sherene of 2nd M. Com have presented and published a research paper on Impact of Covid-19 On the Food Consumption Behavior of Consumers in Bengaluru City in proceedings of Restructuring of Trade & Industry for the Upliftment of Indian Economy at Virtual International Conference on Restructuring of Trade & Industry for the Upliftment of Indian Economy with Utkal Historical Research Journal -International Journal.

#### **Research paper Presentation:**

The following M.Com students presented research papers at CONNAISSANCE 2021, national level conference -

Paavana C D and Johanna Mathews on"A Study on the Impact of Customer relationship management of South Indian Bank in Bangalore City". Manasa N, Devika B Prasad and Bensen Korah Alex on "Customer Experience of Youth in Bangalore Regarding Microtransactions In Online Mobile

Multiplayer Games".

Stephen A, Jinu Mathew, Swetha N on "A study on the impact of consumer buying behaviour on apparels with reference to Gen Z".

Verahu tetseo, Vethizo d video, Lotener Jamir on "A comparative study on customer engagement among selected telecommunication service providers in Kohima district, Nagaland".

Shiva Kumar R and Bensen Korah Alex on "A study on the role of emotional marketing on purchase decision of consumers in urban Bangalore realigning the future of business opportunity, adaptability, sustainability".

Soniya V and Anusha R of 2nd. M.Com presented a Research paper on "A study on customer perception towards online shopping of apparels in urban Bangalore district" at an international conference organised by St. Joseph's College Arts and Science, Chennai.

#### Competitions

Juliya Antony of 1st B. Com B secured 1st place in Sounds Worth in Aura organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce.

Ganesh Jaju of 1st B. Com B secured 1st place in Zoophite 21 in Aura organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce.

Lokesh KP of 2nd B. Com C secured second place in Treasure Hunt in Aura organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce.

### SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK





# DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK



#### Helping the Helpless during Lockdown

he Department of Social Work has outdone itself, with students of both MSW and BSW, along with faculty members spending about two months ensuring that

food and necessary kits were provided to the marginalised, the daily wage workers, as well as the migrants in Bengaluru city. In May and June of 2020, the student volunteers of the Department under the leadership of the Head of the Department, Lt Akshay D Mandlik and Dr Fr Augustine Lourdu, Assistant Professor, in collaboration with the College and COVID Relief Bangalore, were able to distribute 85,000 kits to those in need in and around Bengaluru. Furthermore, the Department created a biker relief team for this purpose as well.

#### International Webinar On 'Mental Health For All: Strategies And Roadmap'

he Department of Social Work under the guidance of Dr Shari conducted an International webinar titled "Mental Health for all: Strategies and Roadmap" on the 10th of October 2020 which is observed as World Mental Health Day. There were three sessions and each session had different speakers who emphasized on different topics related to the theme. Prof. Hye Kyung Kang (Chairperson of Department of Social Work, Director of Master of Social Work Program and Associate Professor in Seattle University), Mrs Eliza Pereira (Former Head of the Department of Medical Social Work at St. John's Medical College Hospital, Bangalore), and Mr J. W. James (Assistant Professor in Psychiatric Social Work, Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi) were the three resource persons.

#### **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan**

total of 22 students and three faculty members - Lt Akshay D. Mandlik (HoD), Dr Fr Augustine Lourdu (PG Coordinator) and Dr Alan Godfrey conducted 3 pilot visits and have selected 2 villages in Anekal Taluk for currently carrying out the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, a programme by the Government of India. As part of the ongoing programme, a total of 94 households have been surveyed in the two villages. Meetings with the stakeholders in the community were also held and a Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) was conducted to gain a better understanding of the villages.

#### Workshop on Data Analysis-2020



six-day workshop on data analysis was conducted for the students of 2nd year MSW from the 8th-14th of December 2020. The workshop was initially planned for 5 days but was extended for another day to let students pick a skill of data analysis using SPSS. The workshop was conducted by Dr S. Rama Gokula Krishnan from the Department.

#### Covid and its effects on Ethics and Values in Higher Education



two-hour programme was held online for the students of both BSW and MSW on the 18th of December 2020. Fr Jose Nandhikkara, the National Director of Globethics.net, India, researcher and philosopher, was the first speaker on the topic for the day-'Covid and its Effects on Ethics and Values in Higher Education.' The next speaker was Ms Christine Housel, Donor Relation and Strategic Partnership, Globethics.net, Geneva.

#### **Debate on Death Penalty**

The Department of Social Work in collaboration with SWSA (Social Work Students' Association) conducted a debate on the topic - 'Death penalty' on the 20th of February 2021. Concept Note on the topic was presented by the organiser- Dr S. Rama Gokula Krishnan. The Chief Guest of the event was Mr Nirmal Joseph Das- Manager, International Justice Mission. Ms Kezia of Il MSW was selected as the 'best debater' through an audience poll.

#### A Three Day Virtual International Conference in Collaboration with UNCW, USA

three-day virtual international conference was organised in collaboration with the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW), USA, from the 18th to 20th of March, 2021. The conference was titled- 'A Virtual Conference on Cross-National Perspectives on Social Work in the time of COVID-19'. Rev Fr Dr Victor Lobo SJ, the Principal, was the guest of Honour. Dr Fr G. Augustine Lourdu, Dean, School of Social Work, was the convenor of the joint conference.

#### Psychopathology Virtual Seminar

n collaboration with the University of Carolina Wilmington (UNCW), a virtual Psychopathology seminar was held for the Medical and Psychiatry students. There were 10 students each from SJC and UNCW. Students were divided into 10 groups and each group was given a specific psychiatric diagnosis to discuss and present.

#### Covid Relief Efforts of College led by the School of Social Work

In response to the pandemic, the students and faculty from the School of Social Work are heading the relief efforts of the College. The faculty in charge of the relief efforts are Fr Francis Pinto, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, who is leading the efforts as the faculty coordinator, Fr Augustine Lourdu, Dean, School of Social Work, and Lt Akshay D Mandlik, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work. Suraj from III BSW is the student coordinator. Kushveer, Praneesh, and Arun Peter from III BSW, are some of the other students who are actively involved in the relief efforts.



The efforts began on the 15th of May 2021. A total of 500 essential needs kits have been distributed to vulnerable groups in and around the city. Coolie workers, members of the transgender community, and senior citizens were a few of the vulnerable groups who were provided support. Apart from this, financial support is being provided to students who need it at this juncture. The relief efforts also involve providing counselling to students affected by covid and students who have family members who are affected by covid.

#### Yuva Margadarshini - An initiative to empower rural youth

Joseph's Resource and Convergence (SJRC) Centre representing St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) Bengaluru, in collaboration with Damana Mahila Sangha, Ambedkar Thoughts Library, and Jnana Jyothi have embarked on an initiative called "Yuva Margadarshini". This is the brainchild of Prof. Y.J Rajendra. The main objective of this initiative is to connect the rural youth and direct them about employment opportunities in both the government and

private sectors. A WhatsApp group aimed at informing the youth about employment opportunities and opportunities for skill development was launched on the 22nd of June, 2021 in a government school in Anekal. The programme's chief guest was Mr Mahanandhan, the Circle Inspector of Anekal.

#### **Staff Achievements**

Members acultv from the Department secured a Major Research Project from the Government worth 18 lakhs. The Major Research Project Proposal sent to the National Commission for Women (NCW), Government of India, by three faculty members from the Department of Social Work (Dr S. Rama Gokula Krishnan, Lt. Akshay D. Mandlik, and Ms Viola Noronha) and a few other faculty members from two other departments- Dr Tulika Bhattacharya from the Department of Economics (the Principal Investigator), Ms Treesa Joy (Department of Economics), and Ms Neeta Gerosa Pereira (Department of Psychology), has been sanctioned.

#### Dr Alan Godfrey A

Dr Alan Godfrey A was a panellist at a discussion on the theme of 'Patriarchy-From the Lens of Men', which was organised by Durga, a women's rightsbased organisation in Bangalore.

Served as resource person in a fourday workshop on Social Work Research Methods and SPSS held on 20th of December and 9th of January 2021 by DG Vaishnav College.

Served as a resource person at a session on the theme "Quantitative Research Methods" as part of a one-week training course on 'Inclusion of Marginalized Rural Labour in India' jointly organised by VV Giri National Labour Institute and Noida & Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Gandhigram University, Dindigul.

Served as a resource person at a two-day hands-on training cum workshop on SPSS for the II year Post Graduate Social Work students of the Madras School Of Social Work, Chennai.

Was invited as an external consultant to review the progress of a short term project by Aide Et Action, Chennai, on improving the livelihood of the rural poor through the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) on April 6, 2021. This project is funded by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), supported by MGNREGA, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department, Government of Karnataka.

Was invited as a panellist to speak on the theme "Social Work Profession and Covid 19 Pandemic: Perspective on Vulnerable Groups", at a session jointly organised by the Department of Sociology and Social Work, GEMS Arts and Science College, Malappuram and School of Behavioural Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala.

Was invited to be the moderator by SICHREM, a Human Rights-based organisation from Bengaluru for a National Webinar.

#### Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan

Dr S. Rama Gokula Krishnan presented a paper titled 'Predictors of Hopelessness among Youth living in Slums of Bangalore City'. He won the award for best paper in the Social Work Practitioner category at the annual conference of the Indian Society of Professional Social Work (ISPSW), held in Ranchi, Jharkhand.

Was the resource person for a training programme for the employees of International Justice Mission (IJM) on how to use SPSS software and on how to employ the World Health Organisation's (WHO) tool on quality of life to measure the quality of life of respondents.

Was a resource person for a webinar related to outreach activities at SJEC & SJCC in September.

Was invited as a resource person for a workshop on data analysis using PSPP by the Department of Social Work, Shrimathi Devkunvar Nanalal Bhatt Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, India.

He authored an article titled 'Mental Health and Quality of Life of Youth Living in Slums' which is available for purchase on Amazon. He also authored an article titled 'Overall Significant Predictors of Awareness on Reproductive Health among Rural, Urban, and Tribal Individuals' published in the International Journal of Biological Research.

#### **Dr Shari Tess Mathew**

Dr Shari Tess Mathew was invited as a resource person for the topic 'Covid-19 Pandemic, Implications for Geriatric Social work' at the International webinar on 'COVID-19-Challenges and implications on elderly care in the Indo- Dutch context,' organised by the Netherlands-based NGO Planet-Hope, in collaboration with St. John's Medical College & Hospital, Bangalore, Ashley Care Home, Bangalore and Department Of Social Work, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bangalore.

Dr Shari also published a book titled 'Social Case Work-Practical Guide for Intervention and Diagnosis', which included casework interventions on clients of varied mental disorders, diagnoses and problems.

Dr Shari published a chapter titled'A case of Paranoid Schizophrenia with Poor Insight' in the book 'Social Case Work-Practical Guide for Intervention and Diagnosis'."The chapter is a description of psychosocial intervention on a person suffering from Paranoid Schizophrenia

#### Lt Akshay D Mandlik

Lt Akshay D Mandlik was conferred Raksha Sachiv Prashansa Patra -- The Defence Secretary's Commission Card is awarded for outstanding acts or deeds in the fields of adventure sports, training or for outstanding contribution in social or cultural activities.

#### Ms Lata Paul

Ms Latha Paul published an article in NCCI review on NEP titled "National Educational Policy is Liberating or Enslaving -A Review"

#### Ms Viola M. Noronha

Published a book titled "Social Casework-Practical Guide for Diagnosis and Intervention."

Published a chapter titled: "Social Casework Intervention and Self Esteem" in "Social Casework- Practical Guide for Diagnosis and Intervention."

Was invited as a resource person for a webinar on "Importance of Human Relationships: Social Work Perspective" on the 3rd of September 2020 organised by the Department of Social Work, Salesian College, Siliguri.

Organised UBUNTU 2021- a virtual inter-collegiate fest on the theme "Strengthening Social Diversity and Interconnectedness" from April 22 to 27, 2021.

#### Dr (Fr) G. Augustine Lourdu

Fr Dr G. Augustine Lourdu authored two chapters in a book on "Social Case Work: Practical Guide for Diagnosis and Intervention", published by Xpress publishing along with his colleagues.

#### **Student Achievements**

Four students from the Department of Social Work were posted in telemedicine call centres as part of the Government of Karnataka's Apthamitra 14410 helpline to help people affected by Covid 19. The helpline is primarily aimed at providing medical advice to those affected by the virus.

The students of second-year MSW students specialised in Medical Psychiatry worked in different hospitals across the country from Delhi to Kerala and from Assam to Rajasthan, along with several other states including Karnataka, as part of their month-long consolidated fieldwork.

Four students from II MSW secured the second prize in the poster making competition held at St. John's Medical College Hospital on March 26, 2021, in Bengaluru as part of World Social Worker Day. The four students are Roopika R Nair, Christin Ezhil A, Kezia Nikita, and Ashwini U.

Mr Songashim Rungsung from the II MSW batch has won the Rubaru Mr India-United Continents title at the Rubaru Mr India 2020-2021 pageant which was held in Goa on April 10, 2021. He will now represent India at the Mr United Continents event to be conducted later this year.

#### Social Work Students' Association (SWSA)

#### **Online Valedictory**

With the online platform being the new normal, the Social Work Students Association(SWSA) 2019-20 headed by the coordinator Ms Viola Noronha conducted its first online Valedictory in May of 2020. The programmes of the association throughout the year were conducted by the core committee consisting of Brandon Chettri (President), Mridula T (Vice President), Sharifa Behzad (Treasurer), Roopika R Nair (General Secretary), Renu Philips (Cultural Secretary), Abhirami Menon (Program coordinator), Marryam Jahangir (Program coordinator) under the guidance of the coordinator. The announcement of winners of the graduating batches was made to acknowledge the extraordinary contributions of students of the Department.



#### Webinar on Cancer Prevention and Healthy Lifestyle

The Webinar on Cancer Prevention and Healthy Lifestyle was organized by SWSA in collaboration with Sanjeevani Life Beyond Cancer (SLBC). Ms Ruby Ahluwalia, cofounder of SLBC addressed the students about various flagship projects run by the organization. The resource person for the session was Ms Sumki Begum, Senior Programme Coordinator. The session was followed by an online quiz by Mr Pratik Permey. This was followed by an open discussion during which the attendees could clear their doubts about cancer prevention. After which, Mr Anil Ahluwalia, co-founder of SLBC addressed the attendees about the role of social workers in spreading awareness related to cancer

#### Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony

Inauguration Investiture The and Ceremony of SWSA was held in September 2020. The emcee, Ms Deekshithawelcomed the Chief Guest for the ceremony, Ms Leila Passah who is an Independent consultant, Gender and Development. Ms Leila Passah is a passionate professional advisor who is committed to the development of women and girls across boundaries of race and religion. The programme continued with Mr Kiran Jeevan giving a brief introduction to SWSA from the time of its inception. Ms Leila Passah officially inaugurated SWSA for the academic year 2020-21. Ms Viola Noronha, the faculty coordinator of SWSA introduced the core committee and initiated the oath-taking ceremony.



#### Alumni Lecture on 'Social Work in the Corporate Sector – Perspectives and Scope.'

SWSA organised its first lecture in the series of 'Alumni Lectures' in the month of September. The speaker for the session was Ms Gangamma, Program Manager at Amazon. The session started with an introduction to the Alumni lecture series by the emcee, Janane Shree from I MSW. Ms Gangamma addressed the gathering on the theme 'Social Work in the Corporate Sector – Perspectives and Scope.' She shared some of her experiences in the field in St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), and also as the first President of Reach (Former name of SWSA).

#### Lecture on Labour Codes: Challenges and Prospects

SWSA organised another lecture on 'Labour Codes: Challenges and Prospects'. The session began with Ms Nadiya welcoming the speaker on behalf of the association, Sr. Adv. S Balan, High court, and a Trade Union Leader. Sr. Adv. S Balan addressed the gathering on the theme 'Labour Codes: Challenges and Prospects (with reference to the recent policies declared by the Central government)'.

#### **Photography Competition**



As part of World Mental Health Day 2020, SWSA organised a photography competition on Instagram with the theme 'Moments of Resilience'.

The participants were asked to submit their entries along with a small write up describing the entry. SWSA received a total of 30 entries. Shwetank Suman stood first, Tarun K was second and Allen Marc third.

#### Alumni Lecture Series: Social Workers as Human Rights Activists

The second session of the alumni lecture series, under SWSA, was held on the 13th of November 2020.

The alumni guest, Mr Emmanuel David, talked about how Social workers can be Human Rights Activists With his impactful work and great experience, students were able to gain knowledge about human rights violations and the role and challenges of social workers as human rights activists.

#### Panel Discussion on Constitutional Democracy and Indigenous Culture



As part of the ten-day Human Rights celebration in collaboration with ISI, SICHREM and NSS, the Social Work Students Association (SWSA) organised a Panel Discussion on the topic Constitutional Democracy and Indigenous Culture. The first panellist, Mr Robin Christopher, a lawyer from the United Christian Forum, elaborated on the nation's nature of diversity and expressed the beauty of the constitution. The second panellist, Ms Vijeta Kumar, Assistant Professor, highlighted that along with the constitution, ideologies and life of Dr BR Ambedkar must be taught in schools. The final panellist Mr Vasanth Adithya, Founder of Kreetam Law Associates, focused on the constitution's role in safeguarding SC and STs' rights.

## ST. JOSEPH'S INSTITUTE OF COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES





## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

#### **Staff Achievements**

#### **Nevil D Souza**

resented a paper on 'Effectiveness of Media Technology' in Higher Education in the International Conference'Media Education in India - A Legacy To Hold, A

Future to Build' as a part of the Centennial Celebration of Media Education in India:1920 - 2020.

Participated in an International Web Convention 'Hundred Years of Media Education' decoding South Asian mystique in December of 2020.

Published a research paper - Immersive Digital Technology and Media in the International Journal of Advanced Science and Technology, 2020 ISSN-0971-1260.

Successfully completed 15 credits of the International Certified Career Coach

Program organised by Mindler from May 30, 2020, to May 31, 2020.

Participated in the UGC-sponsored Orientation Course and obtained an A grade. Organised by the University Grant Commission Human Resource Development Center, Mizoram University.

#### Dr (Fr) Richard Rego SJ.

Published a research article on 'Media Education for Democracy in India' in Communication Today.

#### **Mark Rasquinha**

Presented a paper titled 'Issues Vs Agendas in 140 characters: A Multimodal Analysis of an Indian Political Campaign' at the Asia Pacific Public Relations Research & Education Network (APPRREN) Online Symposium from February 16-17, 2021. All department staff of ICMS attended and participated in various webinars and FDPs for the academic year 2020- 2021.



**Student Achievements** 

### MA Journalism & Mass Communication (MA MCJ)

Suhas N Kashyap of I MA Journalism & Mass Communication was invited as a keynote speaker for a student development programme organised at Surana College, Peenya, Bengaluru. He spoke on the topic 'Choices and Consequences'.

Bhavana M Shankar (19COM63029) and Anna Mary (19COM63010) participated in the Manipal International Media Research Conference 2021 held on February 18, 2021, on 'Reimagining the Media and Entertainment landscape during COVID 19 Pandemic'. They presented a paper titled 'Transition to E-learning in India: A Study of its Effectiveness among University Students of Bengaluru'.

Ananya Mariam Rajesh (19COM63012) and Reenu Cyriac (19COM63025) presented a paper titled 'A Study on the Adaptation of Indian Regional Films to Online Streaming Platforms During Covid-19' at Manipal, Dubai, on February 18, 2021.

Anna Mary was featured in Muktha Katha which is a Stories of Liberation initiative by Muktha Foundation on May 19, 2021. She shared her story of the struggle of being bullied and how she strived back to form. Ananya Mariam Rajesh volunteered with the Distress Management Collective (DMC), a global initiative with distinguished members who aim to help and guide the people, and have been closely working for COVID relief.

Yashas Bharadwaj was quoted by The News Minute in a story on May 22, 2021, regarding the increase of human-snake conflict during the lockdown. He also volunteered with the Red Cross coronawarriors task force during the pandemic in feeding stray animals and rescuing and rehabilitating wildlife in the state. Besides this, Yashas was also appointed divisional warden by the Civil Defence Karnataka during the lockdown for animal welfare. He is currently volunteering with the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) under the Ministry of Environment and Forestry for controlling the illegal wildlife trade in the country.

#### **BA Visual Communication (BVC)**

Pooja Sreenivasan, III BVC, had her artwork put on sale at an art gallery in Poughkeepsie, New York. The digital art piece titled 'Macabre' was part of the exhibit 'Women's Work Art: Twilight Year'. Pooja's artwork will also be featured in the Kaunas International Illustration Biennial, Lithuania.

Nitya Menon, III BVC, was part of a collective of Kochi artists who created a comic book anthology about the COVID-19 pandemic. Her illustrated artwork is featured on the cover of the book titled 'Hope on'.

'Chips', the final short film project of BVC graduate Raghul Sukumar, won the Outstanding Achievement Award at the Calcutta International Cult Film Festival. The single-shot film, which is about police brutality in judicial custody, was also selected to be screened at the Bangalore Short Film festival, Tagore International Film Festival and Lift off sessions.

BVC student Sidharth Suresh has won several accolades for his short film 'Kaanunnundo (Are you Watching?)'. The film won the Critics' Choice Award at the Tagore International Film Festival and the Outstanding Achievement Award at the Calcutta International Cult Film Festival. Kaanunnundo has also been officially selected for Jaipur International Film Festival and Jharkhand International Film Festival.

BVC alumnus Adithyaa Sadashiv's documentaries 'The Selected Book' and 'The Organic Seed' have been officially selected for the 11th Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival, 2021.

BVC student Keerthana Senthilkumar's short film 'Keeral' won accolades at the 23rd Tagore International Film Festival.

#### BVoc Visual Media & Filmmaking/Digital Media & Animation

Aryan Anup of II B.Voc Filmmaking bagged third place in a photography competition conducted as part of Concordia, a fest at Xavier University, Bhubaneswar.

BVoc student Deepak R Jain's 'Chappli' has been officially selected for the 11th Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival 2021. The short film was made by him and his classmates as their fifth-semester project. 'Chappli' has already won awards for the Best Director at the Innovative International Film Festival, Best Actor at the Kalburgi International Film Festival, Best Film and Best Editing at the Praguni Kannada Film Festival, Best Dialogue Writer at the Cine International Film Festival, and second place at the DMW Film Fest for Best Film.

Kevin Williams from III year BVoc Visual Media and Filmmaking has won the Special Jury Prize in the NIGLI Short film Competition conducted in Bangalore in the month of February 2021. The award was presented to him by Karnataka's Tourism minister C P Yogeeshwara.

BVoc (Filmmaking) alumnus Nishant Naidu made his acting debut in 'November Story', a limited series on Disney+ Hotstar that premiered on May 20. Nishanth stars alongside South Indian actress Tamannaah in the crime thriller web series.

#### **Department Associations**

#### Association of Art and Animation

#### Art and Photography competition

In July 2020, the Association of Art and Animation under the Department of Communication, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) conducted an art and photography competition. Almost three dozen pieces were received on the themes of 'My Household stuff', 'Family Relationships during lockdown' and 'Act of Kindness' for the photography competition, and the themes 'Mental Health', 'Real Heroes', 'Invention and Fantasy' and 'Indian Freedom Struggle' for the art competition.



#### **International Webinar**

The Association of Art and Animation organised a two-day international webinar from

September 11-12, 2020, on 'Carving' and '3D Lighting and Texturing' respectively.

The quest speaker for the first day was Fr Trung Pham, Associate Professor in the Department of Art and Art History, Seattle University, Washington. Fr Trung Pham showcased models of chairs made out of different materials like soap, wood, plaster, etc. He also showcased a bathtub made from soap, a human body sculpted out of clay, a human face model carved out of wood which is his most complicated artwork, a ladder made of wood and the basic tools and materials for carving. He talked about how he designs his idea before he begins working on the actual material while emphasizing on just how important it is to have a reference of the idea while carving. He also talked about the ideal materials to use, the significance of a chair and why he loves to carve them, how to preserve the soap models, how to control the burning while scorching a wood sculpture to achieve the perfect texture, etc. Around 300 students attended the session live from various places in India and abroad. The guest speaker for the second day was Mr AC Balaji, Head of Department for Animation from Manipal Institute of Communication. Mr AC Balaii showcased some of his works along with the works of his students and peers illustrating the importance of lighting and texturing in making something look real. He talked about the importance of irregularities and imperfections which add to the realism. During the Q&A session, Mr Balaji spoke about his personal experience and answered numerous questions put up by the attendees. Around 400 students and professionals attended the session live from various places in India and around the world. The event was headed by Mr Nevil Dsouza, Coordinator with the Department of Communication.

#### Let's Get Real Behind The Reel

The Association of Art and Animation organised a webinar with award-winning Director and Editor Mr Mahesh

Narayanan. Dubbed as 'Let's Get Real Behind The Reel', Mr Narayanan discussed his journey, inspiration, experience and also talked about two of his multiple award-winning movies, 'Take Off' and 'C U Soon'. He discussed the difficulties and the experimental nature of the movie. Over 300 people watched and attended the live session. The event was headed by Mr Nevil Dsouza, whose incredible support helped make this webinar a success, along with the core committee and took care of all of the nitty-gritty and arrangements of the webinar.



#### Images

### Building the World through Lighting in Sci-Fi Films



IMAGES, the Association of Visual Communication, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) conducted a webinar on 'Building the World through Lighting in Scifi films' over Zoom. Mr Zachary Miller was invited as the guest speaker. Mr Zachary has a prolific career spanning over 15 years in making independent feature films. Apart from founding an independent production company called Uncommon Image Studios, he is a teacher of video production at Clarkson University in New York, and a member of the Producers' Guild of America. Mr Miller screened various clips from notable Sci-Fi films from the Hollywood industry such as Blade Runner, 2001: A Space Odyssey, Star Trek and a television show called The Mandalorian, to depict how lighting is used in big-budget films. As lighting is an essential element in the art of filmmaking, he explained its fundamental usage and its effects on how the narrative is revealed. He also talked about how lighting can be controlled by colour, shape, quality, angle, movement and intensity, and can be used to create a sense of depth. He said, "Good cinematography draws your eye to a single place on the screen which is especially important in sci-fi films as it is easier to help sell 'your' world". The session was moderated by Dr Fr Richard Rego, who added his valuable insights and coordinated the question and answer session with more than 215 students that attended the webinar.



#### Webinar on Underwater Photography

How do you react when a shark recognises you as someone who is not from the usual group of divers? Mr Anup K Jat narrated the answer to this question during a webinar on Underwater Photography organised by Images, speaking to not just students but participants across the country. Mr Jat explained various aspects of underwater photography interspersing them with anecdotes from his own experience in the field. Helped by his colleague Mr Vivian Ambrose, he explained to them the process of how to get a certification in diving and from where in India one can get them. Then, during a lively question-and-answer session, Mr Jat gave the participants some ideas about the price of the equipment needed for underwater photography and the conditions that determine the feasibility of such work. He also spoke about his work as a cinematographer and also showed a video that demonstrated the use of ultraviolet light underwater.



### Online workshop on 16 mm film projection

What does it take to be a cinematographer? According to the director and cinematographer Arun KR, all you need to do is start. "Watch a lot of films, build your knowledge and just dive in", said the former alumnus of St Joseph's College (Autonomous) during a workshop on 16mm film projection organised by Images. Mr Arun elaborated on the specifics of a 16mm film where the measurement refers to the width of the film. He showed students how projection works, especially with 16mm film, and the basic system behind it. He further demonstrated the workings of the film on a 16-mm projector, one that had to be thoroughly serviced before it could be used because this technology is not as common today as it was some decades ago.

#### Josephite Media Forum (JMF)

#### Webinar: The Power of Visual Storytelling

he Rushes Film Club of the Department of Communication organised a national-level webinar on 'The Power of Visual Storytelling'. The resource person was Mr Hari M Mohanan, an award-winning filmmaker. Mr Mohanan, who won a Filmfare award for his film Invisible Wings, recently made a music video titled Onamaanu, which focused on the lonely lives spent by elderly parents in Kerala because of their children being away for work. One hundred forty seven participants from around the country took part. Mr Mohanan spoke in detail about the creative process of filmmaking and emphasised how honesty is a basic requirement in storvtelling. He also elaborated on how various life experiences and choices affect the creative process. To young filmmakers, he said, the capacity to understand human emotions and the philosophy of life will help them make better films that would resonate with the audiences. Athul Vinu and Sreshta Das of I BVoc Visual Media and Film Making moderated the session.



he first webinar by JMF hosted Address Health Founder & CEO Dr Anand Lakshman in November, He led an extensive and informative session on 'The newest trends in the promotion of public health in media. With the timely example of the Covid-19 pandemic, Dr Lakshman explained the Health Belief Model. He also explained the use of Persuasive Communication as seen in the case of Amitabh Bachchan in the older Polio ads. He also elucidated the role of social media campaigns in the realm of public health before touching upon many other issues. The session ended with an active O&A.

Following this event, in November, JMF hosted Nawaz Mohammad, Associate Director in Marketing and Communications at Uniphore and a St. Joseph's College Alumnus to have a discussion on 'New perspectives in B2B marketing.' Included in the conversation were topics like key components of B2B marketing, the process of writing a PR plan, use of the proactive and reactive strategy in a crisis situation and many others. The students actively engaged with the guest through a Q&A session held towards the end of the session.

In the month of October, JMF hosted a webinar on 'Environmental Journalism: Going Green All The Way' with senior journalist Ms Meera Bharadwaj as the speaker.



In this interactive session, she spoke about the absence of the conservation of environmental issues, innumerous government projects affecting the environment, and so much more. She concluded it with suggestions on how to address these environmental issues.

We closed the academic year with our final webinar in December where the city editor of The New Indian Express (Hyderabad), Manju Latha Kalanidhi gave a talk on 'Media in 2021: The Way Forward'. In this webinar, she spoke about how the pandemic has affected print media, and how experienced journalists reinvent themselves with changing times. Ms Manju gave a lot of tips on covering new stories by thinking of new angles and using social media platforms.

#### Advertising & Public Relations (APR)

#### The following events were organized by Advertising & Public Relations (APR)

panel discussion titled 'MediaFluent'21' consisting of Nagesh Manay CEO, OpusCDM; Riya Joseph, Media Head, Britannia Industries; Kishan Kumar Shyamalan, Chief Growth Officer, Wavemaker; and Mona Thangaraj, India Head, Talent Acquisition GroupM, was conducted Multiple webinars were also conducted by the department. 'Writing for Social Media' by Shamma Hameed, 'Essentials of Event Management' with Gibin E Jacob, 'Shades of Alex aka Maya' with India's first mainstream drag artist and communication expert, 'Fundamentals of Business Storytelling' by Navnita Kedar, webinar with Anuradha Altekar on staying current and ahead during rapid changes, 'Understanding our Responsibility towards the Environment', 'Crisis Management' by Narahari KS were some of them. Other talks included 'Nuggets of Wisdom' by Sangeetha Janachandran, 'Mind Talk' with Dr Rema MK, 'Clarity in Confusion: Getting started in the PR Industry' with Sayooj Surendran, and 'Talk Master' with Shabana Jahangeer.



## **ST. JOSEPH'S INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**





# DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

#### Recent Trends in Networking' - National level Webinar Series

he Computer Science department organised a national-level webinar series on 'Recent Trends in Networkina. The session commenced with 'Introduction to Network Security' by Dr B.G.Prasanthi followed by 'Cyber Security' by Shelton K. The third session was facilitated by Kaushik on 'Convolutional Neural Networks' A webinar 'Vehicular Adhoc Networks' was done by Shobha Rani, and the final session in the series was on 'Simulation on IOT' facilitated by Shelton Cyril.



Fact & Furious - National Level Quiz



national-level quiz was hosted by Technophite, the Computer Science Association.The event was conducted on Discord and 40 teams from all over the country registered to participate in the quiz. The event had three rounds that included MCQs, 'Guess the Personality/ Logos' and a few Rapid Fire questions.

#### **Advanced Excel**

he workshop focused on providing an introduction to MS Teams and Advanced Excel for the nonteaching staff. There were 45 attendees and this workshop intended to orient the non-teaching staff towards developing their computer skills. Dashboard on MacOS, data entry form creation, and certain useful formulas were covered in this workshop.

#### Capture the Flag 2020



The Department of Computer Science organised a national-level intercollegiate event 'Capture the Flag 2020' intending to educate people on the different concepts at play on the internet. The event took place on thundercloud.net, and the communication between team members ensued on a Discord server set up by the department. Capture the Flag is an outdoor game where two teams posing as enemies capture each others' flag and bring it back to their own base. The online CTF had a similar modus

operandi. Each team was given web-based challenges to complete within a stipulated period of time. These challenges dealt with a wide range of concepts including, but not limited to cryptography, steganography, DNS, capabilities of developer tools, and HTTP requests. On the completion of the challenge, a team would end up with a flag, whose submission would gain them points, depending on the level of difficulty of the challenge and on whether they used our hints. The department had designed a total of 23 challenges of different levels to cater to and enhance the skills of participants from different educational backgrounds. A total of 195 participants had registered and the winning team was from CMR Institute of Technology. The students of St. Joseph's College were the runners up.

#### **Gaming and its Future**

Preranika Madabhushi and Piyush Banerjee presented a student talk titled 'Gaming and its Future' which garnered an audience of over 150 participants from different combinations. Preranika walked the participants through the phases of game development and shed some light on Indie and AAA games. Piyush spoke about new technologies emerging in gaming like augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR).

#### Future of AI

The department organised a webinar on 'Future of Al' on March 20, 2021. The speaker spoke about what Al is, the future of Al, the relation between Al, ML and DL, and how Al is changing the world for the better. The bleak view of Al as a job killer is one side of the coin. Al is an opportunity for workers to focus on the parts of their jobs that may also be the most satisfying. Whether it's teaching new languages in a personalized way or translating speech and text in real-time, Al-powered language tools from Duolingo to Skype are bridging social and cultural divides in our workplaces, classrooms and everyday lives.

#### **Staff Achievements**

#### Dr B.G. Prasanthi

Participated as a BOE member at National College and at Maharani Ammani College. Invited as a resource person in areas like E-Commerce Vs E-Business at Surana College, Bangalore, 'Recent Trends in Computer Networks' at St. Joseph's College, 'Introduction to Network Security' at Periyar University, Thanjavur, and 'Implementation of Security Controls in Networks' at Maharani Ammani College, Bengaluru. She published a paper titled 'Big Data

Analytics in Healthcare' at ACJ Journal, UGC CARE Group Scopus indexed, Volume 9, Issue 4 on June 18, 2020, with ISSN 7021-2008 and with Impact Factor 6.83.

She published a paper titled 'Contraptions to Avoid Redundancy in Quad drone: How to build your own drone' at JJIRSET, Scopus indexed, Volume 4, Issue 10 with ISSN 2319-8753.

She published a paper on 'An empirical study on risk and returns of HDFC and ICICI banks'in PalArch's Journal of Archaeology of Egypt/ Egyptology(Scopus indexed) ) with ISSN no: 1567-214X



#### Ms B. Nithya

Invited as a subject expert on 'Cyber Security' at Periyar University, Thanjavur. Published a research article on 'Hybrid ABC-BAT Optimization Algorithm for Localization in HWSN' in the Elsevier journal Microprocessor and Microsystems (Elsevier, Science Direct).T



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#### Ms A. M. Bojamma

Published a research article titled 'Preprocessing and Multi-feature Extraction Method for Automated Plant Species Identification' in international journal on emerging technologies (IJET)ISSN (print):0975-8364, ISSN (online):2249-3255

#### Ms Banu M

Presented a paper on 'Big Data Analytics in Healthcare' at the International Conference on Emerging Trends in Science, Technology and Mathematics on September 18, 2020, with ISSN 2319-8753 and with Impact Factor 7.512

#### Ms Mrinmoyee Bhattacharya

Published a research article as a book chapter in Springer 'Unsupervised Techniques in Geomics' on with ISSN no: 978-981-15-2444-8

#### Cybernetics Orientation Programme 'Multiplexer'

he Cybernetics Association under the Computer Science Department held its annual orientation programme 'Multiplexer'. This year, students from other courses also joined students of the Computer Science courses for the event. The event began with an introduction by Ms Aparna M C. Two alumni, Edmund and Samreen, spoke about their experiences in the association. Edmund encouraged the participants to feel free and give ideas, however small, to the coordinator to improve the association and its activities. Around 170 students who attended this event got to know each other and go out of their comfort zone, in small groups, through interactive games. A few of the events that the core committee organised were 'Introduce yourself, Guess the Gibberish, Rebus, Super Questions and guizzes, Enacting Celebrities, and Dumb Charades'.





# DEPARTMENT OF ADVANCED COMPUTING

#### Datagram v3

atagram v3 was organised online from April 10-11, 2021. The event inauguration started with MSc. BDA students' beautiful

prayer song. The chief guest for the event was Dr Antony K, Principle Data Scientist at Head Operations Research Group at Infosys. He shared a few words of wisdom with the audience. The next speaker, Dr Srinivas Bhogle, mentor and guide, narrated his exciting stories. After all the insights, BDA students showcased their artistic talent with a song and a dance performance, lifting the mood tenfold. After the performances, Dr Jayati Bhadra, Head of the Department, spoke a few words of gratitude. The students were then given the general rules and guidelines to start the competition. The participants showcased their work

to the judges and had discussions. The competition ended with a valedictory from the Sigma Squared Secretary.





# DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

#### **SJC Fantasy League**

he department organized the SJC Fantasy league for the first time.

The Fantasy leagues continued till the last day of the tournament to declare the winner. 188 students registered while 262 students registered for Fantasy IPL.

#### Cestoball National Level Tournament

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) STUDENT SPORTS COMMITTEE PRESENTS SIE FANTASN LEAGUES FORTOSY Premier League Do Contast and South States

The second Cestoball Senior and Junior National Championship 2021 (Men and Women) were held from the 26th to the 28th of March 2021 in Sunam, Punjab. 12 players from our College represented the Senior Men Team with Alex Chethan as captain and Ms Hazel Mary Raju as the Team Manager.

#### Election for the Student Sports Committee

he Department of Physical Education completed its election for the Student Sports Committee members for the academic year 2020-21 on the 4th of September 2020 via Google Forms.







































#### Inter Class Tournament -2021

Game	Date	Boys ( Results)	Girls ( Results)	Boys & Girls (Results)
Chess	01-02-2021	-	-	Winners – I HEP Runner – III BCA
Carroms (Doubles)	09-02-2021	Winners – I BCA A Runner – I JIP First Runner up – III BCOM D	Winners – I BCOM A Runner – I BCOM IFA First Runner up –II CZBT	-
Carroms (Singles)	17-02-2021	Winners – III BPS Runner – III IES First Runner up – III BCOM B	Winners – I BCOM IFA Runner – II BCOM C First Runner up – III MCZ	-
Throwball	09-02-2021	Winners – III BCOM D Runner – III CBZ First Runner up – III PEM	Winners – III PCM Runner – II CZBT First Runner up – II MCOM	-
Volleyball	16-02-2021	Winners – I HEP Runner – III BPS First Runner up – III CBZ	Winners – II CZBT Runner – III PCM First Runner up – I CBBT	-
Table Tennis (Doubles)	16-02-2021	Winners – I BCOM B Runner – II MEC First Runner up – I PCM	Winners – II EJP Runner – III IES	-
Table Tennis (Singles)	17-02-2021	Winners – I BCOM B Runner – II EPS First Runner up – II PCM	Winners – II MCBZ Runner – I BPS First Runner up - II BPS	-
Cricket	01-03-2021	Winners – III BCOM C Runner – I BPS First Runner up – II IES	Winners – III PCM Runner – III MCBZ	-
Badminton (Doubles)	01-03-2021	Winners – II MCOM Runner – III BCOM C First Runner up -III BCOM D	Winners – I EMS Runner – II EJP First Runner up – II BCOM A	_
Badminton (Singles)	08-03-2021	Winners –II MCOM Runner –III BCOM D First Runner up – I BCOM B	Winners – I EMS Runner – II BCOM C First Runner up - II BCOM A	_
Kabaddi	08-03-2021	Winners – II BCOM B Runner – III BCOM D First Runner up – III BCOM A	Winners – III PMC Runner –I BBA B	



## LIBRARY

r Shivakumar T from the department attended numerous national and international webinars and participated in various courses and Refresher programmes over the academic

year 2020-2021. Some notable ones were:

A five-day international virtual short term course on "Enlightening of LIS Professionals in Emerging Technology-ELISPET-21" was organised from 12th to16th of April 2021, at the Department of Library and Information Science, Madurai Kamaraj University and Madras Library Association.

A two-week refresher course/Faculty Development Programme in "Library Sciences" under the Ministry of Education sponsored by Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMTT) was organised from 10th to 25th of April 2021. The programme was organised by the Teaching Learning Centre (TLC), Ramanujan College.






#### Zoha Shariff, II CZBT

he last 18 months have been extremely challenging for the staff and students alike, the sudden shift to an online mode of teaching and learning was not an easy change to deal with. To have experienced peak college life online has been immensely demanding. However, one might agree

with the fact that the past few months that we've spent working and studying from home did bring in a sense of peace and tranquillity.

Although some days, perhaps even weeks, felt like a getaway from the daily hustle for most of us initially, one cannot disagree that the pandemic has brought in a great deal of both mental and physical exhaustion overtime.

To work/study from the comfort of your homes with different facilities and not so similar working/study environments, things have been harder for some than the others, but most have had their spirits and hopes held high and worked tirelessly day in and day out to get through this.

The past year has taught us patience, the value of time, and the importance of living in the moment. It's taught us that good times don't last forever, and bad times don't either. The pandemic has drastically changed people, their mindsets and ways of working, it's brought in immense change, a truckload of memories both good and bad, those that make us cry happy tears and most importantly which have taught us to value people, education and all good things, because they don't come around twice.



#### YANSAROMO J PATTON, II EJP

I take a wistful look at the memories of the year past, a half-remembered cacophony of memories ripping at each other. The past has changed by what came after. January jauntily hopped in, with all its jingles, February febrezed the air with festivities and riding on that high, in March the Mariachis marched in with the waltz of Spring. Sadly, the carol cajoled in the cold apathy of the scarlet crowned devil. Now exiled in an oar-less raft caught between the fog and the sea, is how the year drifts by. Half brave, half afraid, I couldn't shake off the sinking feeling that Belial would be right there at the doorstep, jaws wide open, ready to snap at my neck if I ever peered a little too hard. With the days morphing into months that passed, I had become less of a student and more of a tenant. Keeping me company were the people now reduced to circles on a square from the other end of the silver fibre cable of life, all similarly exiled and adrift. For many a month, we've been out in the blue and wouldn't one like to know how far they've got left to go, but from the sounds of the waves crashing it seems that we've hardly left the pier.

#### Shruti Lal, III IES

My last year as a Josephite was spent in two very contrasting environments- my fifth semester within the confines of my yellow room, staring at my laptop screen from 9 in the morning till midnight, attending classes, calls, and everything in between, and my sixth semester which gave me a little extra luck to be able to go to college for extracurriculars, and have my feet blessed by walking on college ground. I've always been romantic when it comes to the institutions I study in. And with Joseph's, I haven't fallen short; and this pandemic took people and memories from every single one of us. We all know it's been mentally harrowing and physically draining. But instead of talking about all the things I missed out on, I'm going to count my blessings and be content, because we're here, through all the ups and downs, we're still standing on the other side, and we can say that we made it. We may be a little weary and tired, but we're so brave for pulling through.





#### Poireitomba Huidrom, III HEP

To bid adieu to college in such circumstances leaves a heavy sigh in the heart. The last years of college were supposed to be a stepping stone of realization, coming of age and memories that were to be cherished forever as a part of our lives. Unfortunately, it was fixed to a mode which no one had expected and that which left an impact on the unfulfilled exciting memoirs. Campus, classmates, communities, canteens, corridors, culture, chai and coffees will surely be missed. But most importantly the stated life of a college student with friends will somehow remain empty with this pandemic batch. It becomes more emotional to not graduate from the grounds of college and part ways with words of farewell in a physical state.

It definitely has created more unsaid feelings. But we must let go off and learn to cherish the memories we have gained in this short period of time. Lastly, as an outgoing student, I wish the coming batches enjoy their time here and compensate for our incomplete memories. And a word of advice would be to wear the ID cards even though it might feel like a pain. Trust me after a point of time, one starts to miss it.

#### Ananya Mariam Rajesh, II MA Mass Communication and Journalism

When I look back to the time I joined St. Joseph's for my Masters in Mass Communication and Journalism, I remember how I was excited to begin a new journey away from home in a different city. My first year was a great experience from making some amazing friends to getting practically trained as part of my course. Nothing could have stopped my happiness of actually getting to learn so much from experienced and professional lecturers.

Well, the beginning of post-graduation was smooth but unfortunately, our second year was spent studying online through Microsoft teams. It sounded out of the box to attend classes online, like an Archie comic prediction coming true but it wasn't an easy journey. Personally, the increase in screen time was a bit worrisome but I guess we have all adjusted to the new normal. My lecturers were incredibly supportive while we faced hindrances adjusting to the new mode of learning. It wasn't an easy journey for many of us but we all eventually understood the importance of being educated in a pandemic. As aspiring journalists, education and knowledge can really keep us safe and even if it has to happen online, we need to do it because in times such as this, to have the right knowledge and to know the facts can take us all a long way. I am glad to learn so much even with the physical restrictions and happy to have been a part of St. Joseph's College (Autonomous).

#### Dhruv Kumar Jain, I MSc Food Science and Technology

To say that the past year has been rather rough would be an understatement. There is no need for an introduction, I dare say. Such are the circumstances that I can cut right to the chase without even having to worry about you not understanding where one comes from. I'd always heard as a child about how life had its 'ups and downs' and how no phase would be permanent. And then 2020 happened. 2020 wasn't even a year, it was much more than that. It was an adjective in its own right.

It has been difficult, there's no denying it whatsoever. Online classes have been stressful, to say the least. Learning hasn't really been that effective without any human interaction. More than anything else, it's the uncertainty that's gotten to the best of us. Plans disrupted, priorities changed, and a million lessons learnt. But even after all of it, you have survived, we have survived. There is still hope, there always is. I wish you have the strength and courage to hold on, and to believe that it will get better.



#### Ann Elizabeth George, II MA English

My final year in SJC started with "Am I audible" and came to an abrupt end with "oops your call was disconnected due to bad network quality". Everything in between is now just a lot of blurry images of sitting in my room, staring at the occasionally blinking laptop screen and almost zoning out on the bodiless voice emanating from somewhere within the laptop. Trying to adjust to sitting at home in the final year of college, longing to have the usual coffee at our designated table in the PG canteen, college life during the pandemic has been all about new experiences, trying new things in the 'New Normal'. From online classes, recreating group studies in teams to challenging ourselves with virtual theatre performances and writing online exams; Microsoft teams became our second home, classroom, seminar hall and online stage. For the first time in my life I am longing for my hostel food, the 6 pm curfew and our bunk beds and the certainty of some sort that physically going to college offered.



#### Amira Nasreen, I BPS

Excited, to finally go to my dream college, I bought my first laptop along with a new bag, with new books and stationery that I never got to use. Moved some furniture from my room to make space for my new study table, not knowing that this table, and later my bed, would be my classroom for an entire year. Although my first day of college was from home, I got my outfit ready, applied some kajal under my eyes and excitedly waited for my first class, only to find out the classes didn't require our camera's to be on...and thus passed an entire year of college, in my pajamas, listening to the voices of my teachers, wondering what they might look like from blurry WhatsApp pictures. From writing my projects using different colour pens and sketches to deciding which font and pictures I should use on my PPTs, a year passed by. From trying to calculate what 8 am IST means in Arabian time to being completely immune to doing accounting in my bed at 5:30 am, a year passed by.

Who are my teachers? Who are my friends? What do they like? Do they get excited about the sunsets like me? Perhaps someone is experimenting with their hair, while someone else has found the 30th way to make Maggi. In the span of a year so many strangers have become friends...but from so far away. And perhaps that's been the magic all along. My first year of university, a year passed by.

### Ms Parinitha L Shinde \_\_\_\_\_\_Assistant Professor, Institute of Communication and Media Studies

The year 2020 will be firmly embedded in our collective consciousness as a year of both turmoil and triumphs. As phrases like "unprecedented times" and "the new normal" became a part of our lexicon, both students and teachers tried to navigate the uncertainty brought about by the global pandemic. When physical classes shifted into virtual spaces, there was a need to make paradigmatic changes in our teaching pedagogies. Apart from covering the syllabus in class, strengthening resilience became a necessity. In the absence of face-to-face interactions, cultivating camaraderie became a focal point.

There was a constant unlearning and re-learning taking place, with teachers juggling lectures, exams, evaluation, mentoring, and administrative responsibilities. Being stuck indoors also meant a blurring of the boundaries between personal and official realms. The word disruption has a positive connotation in the field of technology. It points to a software or hardware innovation that displaces established practices and alters how people perform certain tasks. Similarly, the disruption caused by the pandemic, has recalibrated our understanding of education. Classrooms in the last year have become communities of shared experiences, and students and teachers companions and collaborators in the learning process.



#### Dr. Susan Mary Philip \_\_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology

It has been a momentous year, to say the least. The pandemic upended life as we knew it. A lot of things that we took for granted about teaching-learning and classrooms changed drastically, and there was a scramble trying to move everything online. How does one work MS teams? How in the world does one communicate effectively through a screen? No non-verbal cues? What??

Taking attendance-that ritual calling out of names and hearing the chorus of Yes, ma'am's-I never thought I would miss that. I did. Tremendously. Downloading attendance seems so impersonal and aloof. Having to glare-stare-'will you please stop that'- multiple times over the duration of a class- I missed that too. I missed the arguments and the 'Are you serious?' looks and the creative excuses that were paraded for extension of submission deadlines. I missed all that and more.

But this pandemic also taught me a lot about resilience. Of our students. And us. We found creative ways of having conversations online. We tried new ways of learning together. Some worked. Some flopped spectacularly. We found opportunities and ways of reinventing the teaching-learning process. We are still on that uphill climb, and no sight of the peak yet. Things are far from perfect. There is so much stuff we still have to figure out.

But I have faith in our community. All through my bout of covid and hospitalisation, I found support and understanding from my colleagues and friends and students. I experienced empathy and God's grace. I know things have been and continue to be tough, especially for many of our students. But my prayer for them is that they will dig deep and find ways to come through this triumphant. Not unscathed or unchanged, but determined to question everything and move things forward. For the better.

# **RETIRED STAFF**



#### **DR. STEPHEN TITUS**

r. Stephen Titus has spent 31 years of his life time in St.Joseph's College imparting education, honing mathematical skills in young students and training them to develop life skills and counseling them.

Dr.Titus did his M.Sc in St.Joseph's College, Trichy, M.Phil in Bharathidasan University, Trichy and his Ph.D from Bangalore University. His doctoral thesis was on "Linear and Non-Linear analysis of convection in Newtonian Liquids using Lorenz Model" His initiation into the Department of Mathematics at St. Joseph's was in 1988. During the initial years he was actively involved in HRD. He is an effective trainer and played a major role in helping mould the younger staff in taking up the reins of resource personnel.

Dr. Stephen served as HOD, PG coordinator of Dept. of Mathematics. He has contributed to the holistic development of students through NLP workshops and counseling sessions. He has been a RBPT level 3 trainer.

Dr. Titus has definitely been an inspiration for many. It has been an honour to have been closely associated with this gem of a man. As we bid adieu to our beloved Dr. Stephen Titus we assure you that we fondly cherish the jovial man you have always been.

#### Prof. John Binze Head, Department of Mathematics.



#### **DR. BERIN LUKAS**

r. BERIN LUKAS, Associate Professor and HOD of the Departments of Sociology and Industrial Relations, superannuated from service on the 30th of June 2020, after serving the College and Student Community at SJC for 31 long years. A Scholar-Teacher who encouraged students to present papers and publish, right from the first year of her service in the College, she did her best to empower her lady students, especially from the underprivileged background, in various ways. Dr. Berin Lukas has quietly helped a number of girls from poor backgrounds financially.

Dr. Berin Lukas' M.Phil. thesis way back in 1984-85, was the first Sociological study in India on Unwed Mothers. She is one among the very few aided staff of our college who completed her Ph.D in Five Years without availing any leave.

A passionate Philatelist and Numismatist, Dr. Berin Lukas -one of the Founder Members of the Philatelists And Numismatists Association (PANA), has a fabulous collection of Postage Stamps & Postal Stationeries on Women theme and British Royal Family, apart from all pieces of Indian Commemorative low denomination coins. She has regularly displayed her collection during PANA Annual Exhibition-PANEX. She is also a Life Member Philatelic Society and the first Josephite to be featured on the newly introduced "My Stamp".

Dr. Berin Lukas became the first lady faculty to lead two aided Departments-Sociology and Industrial Relations simultaneously from 2008 April to 2020 June. She founded the ever-active Sociology Students Association-Social Zest and the Department Magazine-GUSTO. She enabled a number of students to publish their articles pertaining to Sociological Issues by bringing out more than a dozen edited books. She conducted a record number of Eight Webinars-including six international, with resource persons/participants from 10 countries, during June 2020. She encouraged many of us to pursue higher studies in Sociology and take up teaching as a career. Many of her students serve the Departments of Sociology and allied disciplines at SJC and various other colleges in Karnataka.

On behalf of all my colleagues at The School of Humanities and on behalf of the Student Associations of both the Departments-Social Zest and Industrial Relations Forum, I wish my Teacher and HOD Dr.Berin Lukas all the very best. May God Bless You Dear Dr. Berin Lukas.

> G.ANUPLAL Associate Professor and HOD Department of Industrial Relations In-charge HOD-Dept. of Sociology.



#### **DR. SANDRA MISQUITH**

r. Sandra Misquith joined the department of Chemistry, St. Joseph's College on 3rd October 1994 and after serving the Institution for 26 years she retired from service on attaining superannuation on 30th June 2020. She was actively involved in all the activities of the Chemistry Department and contributed immensely to enhance the quality of teaching learning process. She was instrumental in introducing innovative practices such as research based pedagogical tools in undergraduate chemistry labs. Being a passionate researcher, she was engaged in research ever since she joined the department. Three students have obtained their Ph.D. under her guidance and one student has submitted their thesis. She has published several research papers in peer reviewed journals. She has an ongoing DST-SERB project. Dr. Sandra has served the Institution in various capacities. She was the campus minister and coordinator of mid-day meals and coordinator of DST FIST committee. She was an active member of several other committees including DBT star college scheme committee and Josephite research forum. Her ability to plan, organize and conduct events is exemplary.



**DR. ETIENNE RASSENDRAN** 

r. Etienne Rassendren joined St. Joseph College (Autonomous) in the Department of English on 02-07-1984. He has served the Institution for 37 years. He is one of the kindest, wisest people you can meet and it is an honour to know him. Incredibly warm and helpful, his presence is enough to make the room a happier place. Over the years, he has made a huge difference to the department, the college and to students. He's always there to comfort, to aid and to advise and we will forever be grateful to him.

As a mentor, Dr Etienne has mentored many a mentee over years. Students from different walks of life, including young teachers, would seek his advice and he would mentor them wholeheartedly.

Sometimes people simply need someone who will be there for them; someone who will sit and listen; someone who is genuinely concerned. Dr Etienne has been that person in others' lives. For, he has taught not only from volumes but from the book of life.



### **DR. RAJAMANI**

r. Rajamani was a graduate from St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirapalli and did his doctoral studies from Madras University. He joined SJC, Bengaluru in 1990 and has served for 30 long years teaching undergraduate and postgraduate students. He has several paper publications to his credit and has guided several M.Phil students and two PhD students. Mycology was his specialization and he completed a UGC minor project during his stay in College. He has served as the coordinator of MSc Botany during the last part of his tenure in college. He has been a very simple person with a systematic work culture. Very approachable by students and he has been very helpful to them. He had a library of his own which was used by students of Botany in particular. He took time off to help the academically weaker students. He often encouraged students to work on projects and helped them make presentations in conferences and also guided UG students to publish papers in journals. The Department of Botany and SJC are extremely grateful for his services.



### **PROF. THOMAS P ZACHARIAH**

rof. Thomas P Zachariah started his career as a lecturer in Zoology in the year 1987 at IDSG Government College, Chikkamagaluru. He moved on to St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bangalore in the year 1994 and reached his superannuation on 31st May 2021 after nearly three decades of dedicated service. He did his graduation and post graduation from Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla, Kerala. He completed his Bachelor of Education in Natural sciences from PEET Memorial Training college, Mavelikkara. He also cleared SLET in 1993. He served the institution in various capacities like NSS programme officer, Deputy Custodian of Bangalore University Science unit and Custodian of Karnataka Pre-University Board exams. His contribution towards the quality enhancement of St. Joseph's College has been very significant and multidimensional. He has the unique distinction of being the first lay Vice Principal of St. Joseph's Pre-University College from 2001-2004. He was also the external member of Board of Exams, Bangalore City University. He was also a sitting member of the Animal Ethics Committee of Christ (Deemed-to-be) University. He also served as the Head of the Department of Zoology, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) from 2017 to 2021. He has been a committed and dedicated teacher, very pleasant, enthusiastic and meticulous, admired by students. He is a very good motivator and instills positivity in the students.

### DR. JAYASHANKAR H

r. Jayashankar H retired on 31st July 2021, as Associate Professor from the Department of Chemistry after serving the Institute for 34 long years. He completed Master's degree from Calicut University in 1983 and Ph.D. from Kerala University in 1989. The Ph.D. thesis title was 'Study of some rare earth complexes with certain O & N donor ligands. He was the member of the organizing committee and the resource person for the 7-day refresher course on the "Coordination Chemistry" at St. Joseph's College, Bangalore 1994 and a resource person for PU lecturers' training held at Talent Development Centre, IISc, Kundapura, on 26th July 2012. He had also been an external examiner in Kerala and Annamalai Universities. He served his tenure as the Head of the Department of Chemistry, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), from 2017 to 2019. Dr. Jayashankar strongly believed in team work and was known for his pleasant and very gentle personality. He has been a highly dedicated teacher and had passion for teaching and love for the subject. St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) and Department of Chemistry is highly grateful for his distinguished services and fondly remembers him.



### MR. KASHIRAJA

r. Kashiraja joined St. Joseph's College on 23rd August 1989 and retired as Lab assistant from the Department of Chemistry, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) on 31st May 2020 after serving the Institute for 31 long years. He is extremely patient, obedient and has genuine concern for students.



**MR. VINCENT F** 

r. Vincent F worked as Secretary to several Principals for over three decades of his work here at St Joseph's College (Autonomous). He has been an efficient, hardworking and trustworthy person.



### MR. P K ANTHUVAN

Mr. P K Anthuvan, Lab Assistant in the Department of Zoology, joined St. Joseph's College in the year 1984. He joined the College under the Principal Fr. Joseph C Nelapathy.

He has rendered his service in the sports department initially as an assistant.Later on he worked as Lab assistant in the Department of Zoology. He is a very passionate worker and humane person. Mr. P K Anthuvan has worked under various heads of the department from Dr. Albert Selvanayagam till Prof. Thomas P Zachariah. He was very disciplined and regular to his work, which was well appreciated by all the staff and students and was loved by all. He has rendered service for a period of 37 years. We the staff and students of the College are grateful for his services. D



MR. OMPRAKASH D

r. Omprakash D, SDC of the Arrupe Library and Information Centre retires after 32 long years of dedicated service. He served as a clerk in his initial days of service at the Library. He performed his duties with dedication and enthusiasm. During his tenure, he has answered numerous reader's queries, shelved countless books and has spent endless hours cataloguing the books according to library service.



MR. KRISHNAIAH

r. Krishnaiah, peon of the Arrupe Library and Information Centre retires from service after 31 long years of dedicated service at SJC. He is student friendly and performed all his duties with enthusiasm and dedication.

# WEDDINGS



Congratulations to newlyweds Ms. Treesa Joy (Department of Economics) and Mr. Lewin V Joey, who tied the knot on May 30, 2020.



Congratulations to newly weds Mr. Ajay Chandran (Department of Communication) and Ms. Ashka Menon, who tied the knot on November 30, 2020.



Congratulations to newlyweds Mr. Prabhakar K. (Department of Commerce and Management) and Ms. Vani A, who tied the knot on August 30, 2020.





Congratulations to newlyweds Ms. Janis Sweety Vas (Office Assistant, Principal's Office) and Mr. Len Mohan Fernandes who tied the knot on January 16, 2021.

Congratulations to newlyweds Ms. Deepika S (Department of Mathematics) and Mr. Bala Prakash A who tied the knot on January 17, 2021



Congratulations to newlyweds Mr. Abel Kooran Varghese (Department of Food Science and Technology) and Ms. Tina Anne Jacob who tied the knot on May 1, 2021 Congratulations to newlyweds Mr. Leonard Aiman (Department of Mathematics) and Ms. Brunella Regina Aiman who tied the knot on April 11, 2021.

> Congratulations to newlyweds Dr. Mohan Kumar S (Department of Food Science & Technology) and Ms. Ashwini D N who tied the knot on June 4, 2021



In memory of all those who lost their lives this Pandemic

# Obituary



WALTER STEPHEN ANDRADE August 26, 2020

Fr. Walter Stephen Andrade, SJ (77), former Principal of St. Joseph's Evening College, St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru, and St. Aloysius Evening College, Mangaluru, passed away on August 26, 2020.



### FR. FRANCIS GUNTIPILLY April 18, 2020

Fr. Francis Guntipilly SJ passed away on 18th April 2021. He was a social activist who was at the forefront of the Covid Relief Project during the first wave of Covid-19.



**FR. PRAVEEN HRUDAYARAJ** April 22, 2021 Fr Praveen Hrudayaraj SJ (41/22) passed away on April 22, 2021



### FR. STANISLAUS LOURDUSWAMY July 5, 2021

Fr. Stanislaus Lourduswamy, a Jesuit priest and a tribal rights activist based in Jharkhand passed away on 5th of July 2021. October

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#### PROF. R PARUSURAM August 26, 2020



Prof R Parusuram, former Head of the Department of Economics (until 1997), passed away on August 13, 2020.

#### MR P D JACOB September 30, 2020

Mr P D Jacob (85), retired Attender (Dept. of Chemistry), passed away on 30th September 2020.

#### PROF. RAMA RAO September 28, 2020

Prof. Rama Rao (80), former Head of the Department of Physics, passed away on September 28, 2020.

### MR PAVAN NIRMALRAJ April 3, 2020

Mr Pavan Nirmalraj (60), husband of Mrs Mary Catherine (Housekeeping staff) passed away on 3rd April 2021. He was serving as the security at our college.



### DR RAMAKRISHNA GOWDA

Dr Ramakrishna Gowda (Department of Kannada) deputed to Government First Grade College, Yediyur, passed away on May 3, 2021



DR PADMA BALIGA May 12, 2020

Dr Padma Baliga, who taught English at our college from 2008-2016, passed away on May 12, 2021.

#### REV. SR. VALSA September 14, 2020

Rev. Sr. Valsa FMM who formerly taught in the Social Work Department during 2009-2012 passed away on 16th June 2021.

### **DR JOY THOMAS**

August 26, 2020

Dr Joy Thomas (57), alumnus of the college and brother-in-law of Ms Sheela Jose Thomas (Department of Physics), passed away on September 28, 2020.



#### SAMANTHA DE PADUA September 30, 2020

Samantha de Padua, an alumna of the college (HEP 2016 Batch), passed away on September 30, 2020.





MR RAHUL October 16, 2020

Mr Rahul, a student of MCom batch 2018-2020, passed away on October 16, 2020.

MR. WYLL September 14, 2020

Mr Wyll, an alumnus of the college (PMC 2009-2012 Batch), passed away on September 14, 2020.





DIMSON PANMEI December 29, 2020

Dimson Panmei, student, III HEP, passed away on December 29, 2020, in Imphal, Manipur.

#### ABHINAND THEKKOOT ABHILASH June 7, 2020

Abhinand Thekkoot Abhilash (20BCAA09) passed away on June 7th 2021.



#### MS. NIHARIKA VAIRAMANI June 8, 2020

Ms. Niharika Vairamani (20TEP001) passed away on 8th June 2021

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# **Onward and Upward**

Our Theme 'Onward and Upward' sums up very well the journey of SJC as an institution during the course of 2020-2021. SJC has responded responsibly and sensitively to the unique challenges and uncertainties the Pandemic brought upon us. It not only is a matter of pride that we are one step away from being a university but also a matter of great responsibility to be a university of excellent quality.

Our theme for this year, 'Onward and Upward' is inspired by the Jesuit principle, 'The Spirit of Magis' - the spirit to achieve more, to do more and to be more. Onward and Upward to SJU. - Team Blue & White 2020-2021



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